



# Emmanuel News Notes

June, 2010

## Pastor Lookingbill ponders. . . . . changes

Dear Friends,

Beginning this July, the Worship and Music Committee and the Church Council have decided to schedule a single summer worship service each Sunday at 10 a.m. This is an important change to our recent summer schedule that continued our year-round two service practice. The intention of both the Committee and the Council is to bring folks from each of the two morning worshipping congregations together to get to know one another better. Don't be hesitant to introduce yourself to someone you don't recognize, whether you think they are members or visitors!

There will be a coffee/tea fellowship after each summer service, often in the Narthex and the Memorial Garden to enjoy the summer weather and time to visit. It's a great opportunity to invite neighbors and friends to visit Emmanuel with you and experience a new opportunity to meet new friends. I would remind all our members that this is often a time in the year, especially in August, when new residents are visiting Churches to find a new home in their new community. There's always a good reason to welcome guests to Emmanuel, but even more so in the summer. Even one experience on a single Sunday when a visitor feels alone in Church makes a lasting impression that this Church "is not welcoming!" Reach out to introduce yourself and spend a little precious time to make a new friend feel this is a Church that both can call "home!"

It's also a great time to ask the Pastors questions about the readings, the sermon or the Bible. I have to admit that I look forward to those members I see coming up on Sundays after a service with that look "what did you mean . . ." or "what does the Bible mean . . ." about today's lesson? There really is fascinating material from both the Bible as well as current events that enlighten our faith journey. The Adult Forum has been and will continue to be an opportunity to investigate these and other questions that impact our lives in Bethesda.

I know that the change in worship schedule to 10 a.m. will mean a change in family routines. The early congregation folks will have more time to read the paper and think about their breakfast! The late service people will have to "rush" to get to Church a little earlier than they might when the days are darker. With the sun up early and staying up later in the summer, there's still plenty of daytime to enjoy our community. Changes like this are also a prime opportunity to alter your personal routine. Perhaps you take a walk before Church for some healthy exercise? Perhaps you read the lessons for that Sunday before Church (we'll print the lessons for the next Sunday in each summer bulletin!) and think about some questions you might have to share with friends and the friendly Pastor? Perhaps you sleep in a little longer and feel more refreshed for Church? After the Fellowship time at Emmanuel, you can even invite some folks to go out for lunch together and enjoy an extended visit? The youth can plan some basketball games or trips together on Sundays?

Worshipping our Lord is basic to our Christian living; remembering all that Jesus has done for us brings us to a deep thanksgiving for life and faith. A Christian community thrives on caring and sharing with one another in our pilgrimage through life. Let this summer be another example of that living and sharing of the best that our Lord has given for our mutual building of the body of Christ.

In Christ's Service,

Jan P. Lookingbill, Pastor

## DATES OF NOTE

- June 5 Komen Walk for the Cure (page 8)
- June 6 Church Picnic (page 2)
- June 13 Joyful Praise Cantata 11 a.m. service
- June 13 High School Party (p 8)
- June 14 Fun Bunch Lunch
- June 21-25 Vacation Bible Camp
- June 27 Basketball
- June 28 Lunch with Pr. Lewis (page 8)

## WORSHIP

Sunday 8:30 & 11:00  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS LUNCH WITH PR. LOOKINGBILL

On Saturday 15 May eight of our graduating high school seniors joined Pr. Lookingbill at the Bethesda Country Club for a celebration and lunch in honor of their graduation from local high schools and to share their plans for college and post high school opportunities. Seven of the young people are planning to attend college in the fall, schools ranging from the east coast to the west coast. One of the youth is planning a "gap" year when he will travel with a group doing service projects in Fiji and Australia before entering a college program.

Plans for college courses range from business and computers to fine arts and dancing. What a talented group of young people have been growing up around Emmanuel and enjoying the benefits of our schools and Church. We pray that all these fine young people will be guided by the Spirit as they venture out into a world yet to be explored.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE ENCOUNTER: A STUDY OF ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Our final weeks in June will complete our four week study of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Philippi was a city of Macedonia on a main highway between East and West even before the Roman Empire. Paul established this Church as the first of the European Christian communities and enjoyed a happy relationship with them.

The main theme of the letter is to remain persistent in the faith. Apparently there had been some opposition, perhaps even threats of death? In his own style, Paul offers himself as an example of courage, citing his own imprisonment. It is possible that this is a late letter written from Paul's imprisonment in Rome (61-63 A.D.), but there's no firm evidence and it could have been written earlier.

Paul is trying to turn the attention of the Church in Philippi away from their concerns about themselves and toward proclaiming the faith, the real calling of the Church and the true occupation of the faithful. Paul encourages the Church to follow the "mind of Christ" and offer their testimony with even greater "boldness and without fear."

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 on 2 and 9 June for this challenging study where we today are also called to proclaim with "boldness and without fear" the faith that bring true Peace to a dangerous world. We share lunch from our paper bags after the study and a wonderful dessert from one of the study team.

**Beginning July 4 and continuing  
through Labor Day (Sept. 5)  
weekend  
Emmanuel will have a single  
Service each Sunday at  
10:00 a.m.**

## CHURCH PICNIC

June 6, 2010  
12:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to our annual spring picnic. We will have BBQ from Red, Hot, and Blue as well as drinks. We are asking those who come to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. We will have the seating on the lower parking lot as we did last year.

Invite your neighbors and friends to join us.

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# Beat the Heat!

## Don't Let the Summer Sun Make you Sick

During hot, humid weather the body's internal temperature can rise and can result in heat exhaustion and heatstroke. If not quickly treated, heat exhaustion can progress to Heatstroke, which requires immediate emergency medical care and can be fatal.

### Signs and Symptoms:

#### Heat Exhaustion:

- \* severe thirst
- \* muscle weakness and cramps
- \* nausea, sometimes vomiting
- \* fast, shallow breathing
- \* irritability
- \* headache
- \* increased sweating
- \* cool, clammy skin

#### Heatstroke:

- \* severe, throbbing headache
- \* weakness, dizziness, or confusion
- \* difficulty breathing
- \* confusion or loss of consciousness
- \* little or no sweating
- \* flushed, hot, dry skin
- \* elevation of body temperature to 105 degrees

### What do I do?

If someone shows one or more signs or symptoms of **heatstroke**, seek emergency medical care **immediately**.

#### In cases of **heat exhaustion**:

Bring the person into the shade immediately

Undress the person

Have the person lie down; elevate feet slightly

If the person is alert, place in cool (not cold) bath water, or sponge bathe the person repeatedly. If outside, spray the person with a garden hose

If the person is alert, give frequent sips of cool, clear fluids (clear juices or sports drinks are best)

If the person is vomiting, turn his or her body to the side to prevent choking

**Do not leave the person alone**

### Be Smart!

Always drink plenty of fluids in hot weather—even if you aren't thirsty—but

Avoid alcohol and caffeine which can dehydrate you

Wear light-colored, loose clothing

Stay in the shade during the hottest part of the day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Go indoors immediately whenever you feel overheated

### JUNE IS HOME SAFETY MONTH!

Home Safety Month is a perfect time to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency. Planning ahead can keep you and your family safe if a flood, fire, flu pandemic, terrorist attack, or other public health emergency strikes. Take these steps to prepare for an emergency: **Do** a walk-through of your home. Check your smoke alarms, child safety locks, and first aid supplies; **Get** an emergency supply kit; **Make** a family emergency plan; **Stay** informed.

Websites with good information:

[www.healthfinder.gov](http://www.healthfinder.gov)

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for emergency supply kit information.

[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) for information related to fire safety and escape plans

## Joyful Praise, Choir Nonpareil, Awarded recognition

Congratulations to all the members of the Joyful Praise Choir who have worked so diligently in learning and performing so many songs this year. Joyful Praise helps to lead worship during one or two services every month as well as leading the Christmas Eve family service. They spend months in preparation for their June musical, and they participate as a group and individually in the Treasures of Emmanuel Concert. To honor their hard work, the children are awarded choir pins to mark their years of participation. Please congratulate these children on all they have accomplished in serving the church.

Abbi Audas -- 4th year pin  
Sarah Bray -- 1st year pin  
Abbie Cannon -- 2nd year pin  
Katie Cannon -- 4th year pin  
Clare Cawley -- 4th year pin  
Eilis Cawley -- 2nd year pin  
Cara King -- 2nd year pin  
CeCe Price -- 1st year pin  
Andrew Audas -- Special Mention

## SCHOOL'S OUT..... FOOD SHOPPING TIME!

### MANNA FOOD SUMMER COLLECTION – GIVE BEYOND EMMANUEL'S WALLS

Many of our area students in schools qualify for free or reduced-price meals (FARMS) at school. So who feeds these kids breakfast and lunch during the summer? There's not much room in their parents' budgets for extra food expenses. So, their families turn to places like the MANNA Food Center to make up the difference. Not surprisingly, MANNA gets its highest demand during June, July, and August.

That means it's time for churches like Emmanuel to step in and keep MANNA's shelves full. For that reason, we keep collecting food in the narthex on every Sunday. We make periodic deliveries to MANNA during the summer - to keep low-income county kids (and low-income folks generally) fed.

Care to help? Please bring some items from the list below to church with you this summer as part of your offering.

#### MANNA especially needs:

<b>Breakfast Cereal</b>	<b>Rice – Beans - Pasta</b>
<b>Canned Meats/Tuna Fish</b>	<b>Spaghetti Sauce</b>
<b>Canned Fruit and Vegetables</b>	<b>Shelf-Stable Milk</b>
<b>Baby Formula/Baby Food</b>	<b>Peanut Butter</b>

## Emmanuel met to elect and consider programs

Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation met to elect new members of the Council and to consider its program on Sunday, May 2 at 10 a.m. After the usual housekeeping motions, the nominating committee presented a slate consisting of:

Jessica Botsford to a 3-year term (re-election)  
Linda Cleveland to a 3-year term (re-election)  
Brad Fackler to a 3-year term (new election)  
Pam Schuettler to a 1-year term (completion of a vacant term)  
David Hastings to a 1-year term (completion of a vacant term).

Upon receipt of the nominations, it was moved, seconded, and passed to elect the slate as presented unanimously. The retiring members of Council were Wayne Hunley, Martha Lundberg, and Alan Williams.

The Treasurer, Tim Hando, said that income so far in 2010 has exceeded expenditures and urged the congregation to continue in such a positive mode.

It was announced that the Worship and Music Committee had approved holding a **single service at 10 a.m. during the months of July and August [through Labor Day]**. There was general approval.

Following some discussion of ways to increase membership and further evangelism, the meeting was adjourned in time for the second service at 11 a.m.

## Synod Assembled in May

The Metro Washington, D.C. Synod met in general assembly at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Virginia on May 7 and 8. The theme of the Synod for this year is "Year of the Young Adult." Accordingly, our delegates (Pr. Lookingbill, Pr. Lewis, Donna and Jim McGee, Annette and Mike Poston) heard presentations by Kristin Glass, Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the ELCA, and by Rev. Karen Ward, an Episcopal priest and Abbess of Church of the Apostles in Seattle.

There was much general Synodical housekeeping discussed and acted upon, including a resolution on energy stewardship, and two memorials to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2011 one urging wider reading and study of the Kairos Document (regarding Middle East peace in the Holy Land) and another encouraging the full implementation of the actions already taken on Ministry Policies [in light of the social document on sexuality].

Adoption of a budget and mission was deferred until the Fall Assembly which will occur in September.

## Christian Education Notes

On June 6, 2010 we will honor our Sunday School teachers at the beginning of the 11:00 worship service. We will also have our Church Picnic after the second worship service as a thank you to the teachers and everyone else who supported Christian Education throughout the year.

### Sundays

Children and Youth Sunday School - 10 a.m. in the Atrium and Classrooms

June 6 - Last Day of Sunday School Class for Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, youth will help set up for picnic

June 13 - 10 a.m. We will have a special round table discussion concerning youth and family ministries in the Christian Education Room. **All parents and youth are encouraged to attend.** We are re-examining our mission, values, goals, and the activities to reach them and would like your input as we begin this process.

Joyful Praise will sing their cantata at 11:00

June 20 - One Room, Sunday Funday for Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

June 27 - One Room, Sunday Funday for Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade

### Vacation Bible Day Camp

Vacation Bible Day Camp will take place 8:30 - 4:30 June 21-25, 2010 for those children who have just completed K- 6<sup>th</sup> grade. See elsewhere in this issue for more information.

### July Sunday School

Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be going to one worship service at 10 a.m. from July 4, 2010 through September 5, 2010. We would like to provide a One Room Sunday School class during the worship service for Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The plan is for children to leave after the children's sermon for Sunday Funday activities in the Atrium. In order to do this we need at least two volunteers each Sunday. A sign-up form will be available in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Lewis.

### Special Christian Education Survey

We are still conducting a survey concerning Sunday School at Emmanuel. While the main part of the survey is about Children and Youth, there is a place at the end of the survey to write comments about adult Christian Education. The survey can be found online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XXRQ3DG>. If you would like a paper copy of the survey, please contact Pastor Lewis.

## From the Council President:

Greetings

Change is happening at Emmanuel.

At the Congregational Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the congregation approved some transitions on the Church Council. Coming off of Council are Martha Lundberg and Wayne Hunley. Three new people were added to Council. Pam Schuettler, Brad Fackler and David Hastings. I want to express my thanks to Wayne and Martha. Both have contributed much to Council efforts. I look forward to working with the new group of council members.

Following the Congregational Meeting, the following officers were elected by the Council:

President	Jim McGee
Vice-President	Jessica Botsford
Secretary	Pam Schuettler
Financial Secretary	Matt Beardall
Treasurer	Tim Hando

Another change announced at the Congregational Meeting relates to worship. The Worship and Music Committee has recommended and the Council has endorsed a single service at 10:00 am during July and August and the first Sunday in September. I do hope that Worship and Music will consider adding an additional service at an alternative time. Many have suggested evening service on Thursday, or Saturday or Sunday as a way of attracting those who for different reasons, don't attend Sunday services.

On the financial front, Council recently received a request from our tenant, the Montessori Academy, requesting that we waive the rent increase scheduled for September 2010. Given their drop in enrollment, the Council responded favorably to the request. But that is a \$3,500 hit to the budget for this fiscal year and another \$3,500 next year.

The Metro DC Synod recently completed the first half of its Synod Assembly. Two actions of note occurred. The first related to the finances of the synod. There will be a proposal at the fall meeting to reduce Synod support for the national office of the ELCA. This is related in part to reduced congregational support to the synod and in part to the desire to increase support within our synod to areas not adequately supported by the national office.

Rev. Russ Siler, who will be serving in Jerusalem this summer, will visit Emmanuel in the fall to talk about the Kairos document, a statement by all 13 Christian church organizations in the Holy Land about the situation in the Middle East.

Peace and Joy

Jim McGee  
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## Parish Vital Records

### Births

*Lily Julianna*, great granddaughter of Roz and Frank Hopkins

### New Members

*Paul Matthew Thorn*, son of Paul Gordon and Kerri Beth Thorn, grandson of Paul and Judy Thorn, by infant baptism 25 April 2010

### Deaths

*Richmond "Max" Keeney*, 27 April 2010; inurnment 10 May 2010 at Emmanuel

## Resource for seniors mentioned At the Congregational Meeting

OASIS is located at Montgomery Mall:

Macy's Home Store  
7125 Democracy Blvd  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
(301) 469-6800, press 1, then press extension 211

## Financial Status As of 30 April 2010

	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$218,867	\$207,209
Expenditure	218,867	<u>209,934</u>
(Deficit)		(2,725)



Saturday, June 5, 2010  
National Mall, Washington,

**Emmanuel Walkers** will participate in the annual Susan G. Komen walk for the Cure on Saturday, June 5. You may still join them and you may certainly still contribute to their efforts. You may even join them in spirit by sleeping in for the cure on that Saturday. Many thanks to all who participate physically or monetarily and best wishes for a successful and healthy walk.

## Emmanuel Community Gathers for Leadercast

As the sun was rising on Friday, May 7, cars began pulling into Emmanuel as it hosted the Chick-fil-A Leadercast for the second year in a row. In all, 40 members and non-members alike came together with thousands of others across the country to tap into their leadership potential by listening to a distinguished panel of professionals as they shared their stories via a live satellite feed from Atlanta. Conferences like these serve as critical launching points for new ideas and hope. To help participants capture these ideas, each attendee received a *Be The One Leadercast Journal* which included profiles, featured articles, speaker bios, pointers to additional resources and room to note key ideas. On the back cover of the Journal, Truett Cathy, President & COO of Chick-fil-A, and motivational author Ken Blanchard had this quote...  
*"There is a route to genuine and enduring satisfaction, but it flies in the face of this greedy, self-obsessed culture. It's called generosity, and it involves freely giving our four most valuable resources – our time, talents, treasure, and touch – and receiving unimaginable riches in return."*

As the day wound to a close at 4:00 pm, attendees were inspired and grateful that Emmanuel as a host site had allowed them to tap into diverse views of leadership from the ten highlighted thought leaders. As a host site, Emmanuel has a number of resources available for our members to tap into, including CD's, books and articles. Please see Katherine in the church office to check them out. Visit the website <http://www.chick-fil-aleadercast.com/> for videos and to get a first hand look at what the day was like.

Emmanuel raised \$817.00 after expenses by hosting this event...join our growing community next year in what I hope will be an annual event at Emmanuel on Friday, May 6, 2011!

## Pastor Lewis considers....honesty

Dear fellow saints and sinners,

I have a question for you. What is truth? Now that you have the answer to that question in your mind, allow me to ask you another question. What do you believe?

National Public Radio (NPR) has had a series called, "This I Believe," for almost five years. I find this series interesting since so many of those who read their essays on air do not speak of faith. But it was not until recently that I found out that the idea for this series has some wonderful history behind it.

In 1951, Edward R. Murrow began a radio series called, "This I Believe," that ran until 1955. It was a series of essays from both famous and unknown people sharing their personal philosophies on life, much like NPR does now. In the midst of troubled and confusing times, as the Cold War escalated, Murrow talked in his introduction to the show about an "enveloping cloud of fear" that had gripped the country, as people built bomb shelters and practiced drills in the event of an atomic bomb attack. Replace the A-bomb with terrorism and his words are as true today as they were nearly 60 years ago.

On the show, Murrow once commented, "It has become more difficult than ever to distinguish black from white, good from evil, right from wrong. What truths can a human being afford to furnish the cluttered nervous room of his mind with when he has no real idea how long a lease he has on the future? It is to try to meet the challenge of such questions that we have prepared these broadcasts."

As Christians, we ought to be informed by our faith when we answer the question of "What I believe." Yes, the Apostles' and the Nicene Creeds we use every week in worship are "This I Believe" statements in regard to what we believe to be true about God. But given these truths about God, what are the principles that guide our lives? If we believe that God the Creator made all that is, how does that influence the way we value and care for that creation? If we believe that Jesus Christ is God's only Son who was crucified, died, and was buried and who rose from the dead, how does that influence our core values when it comes to life and death? If we believe that God the Holy Spirit is alive and working in the world and through the "holy catholic church," how does that influence the way we work in the world?

When everything around us seems to be confusing and frightening and uncertain, it is important to know the truths upon which the foundations of our lives stand. This I Believe. It is not an idle exercise, because, when we lose sight of our core beliefs, we are easily led astray.

This is what I was thinking about as I once again turned on the TV to final round of whichever PGA tournament was on for some almost mindless TV as I unwound from the day/week. It was the final round of the Verizon Heritage Golf tournament. I was only half watching it and flipping through a book when the tournament went into a tie-breaker. Jim Furyk, who has won many tournaments and is ranked third in the world as I write this, was in a sudden death playoff with Brian Davis, who at the time was ranked 166th in the world. Davis has never won

a PGA tournament. After putting his second shot on the beach, in the midst of ocean debris, Davis opted to try to chip onto the green, rather than taking a penalty stroke. On his backswing, he brushed against a dead reed – an action that did not affect his shot at all. It was barely perceptible even by the slow motion cameras. No one would have known. But Davis reported the infraction himself, receiving a 2-stroke penalty and effectively losing the tournament (Rule 13.4 states that moving a loose impediment during a takeaway is a 2-stroke penalty). With his first victory within his grasp, Davis opted for truth over success.

In the overall scheme of life, honesty in a golf tournament may not seem like much. Yet it is those little decisions that we make each day that matter, that make up the core of who we are – especially the decisions that are made in truth and honesty that no one may ever know about. This I Believe.

PAX,

Pastor Robert Lewis +

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## Vacation Bible Day Camp

June 21 - 25, 2010

8:30 - 4:30

We still have some openings for our Vacation Bible Day Camp. If you are not able to attend the entire week, you are welcome to come to only part of it.

We are partnering with Mar-Lu-Ridge in offering this week-long full-day Vacation Bible Camp program for those who are completing Kindergarten to Sixth Grade this year. Emmanuel's Vacation Bible School Camp is a unique blend of outdoor ministry and traditional Vacation Bible School with trained and certified staff from Mar-Lu-Ridge (Our local Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Camp). There will also be staff members from Emmanuel Lutheran Church supporting the Mar-Lu-Ridge leaders.

The Vacation Bible School Camp model is intended to offer quality Christian experiences for young people by providing a Christ-centered day program in their own community. By partnering with Mar-Lu-Ridge, we hope young people become enthusiastic and excited about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Bible Camp activities begin at 8:30 a.m., but children can be dropped off after 8:00 a.m.

**Note: Aftercare is available from 4:30-6:30. Please note your interest on the appropriate form.**

Registration forms are located in the Narthex and online at our website, <http://www.elcbethesda.org/VBS2010.htm>. You can also call the church office. Cost for the camp is \$100 per child; families with more than one child should contact the church office. Registration forms along with the \$100 fee are due by June 20, 2010. Registration will remain open until all spots are filled.

We invite you to share this information with neighbors, family and friends.

## Youth and Family Calendar

June 6, Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

### Church Picnic

Everyone is invited to our annual spring picnic. BBQ and drinks will be provided. We ask you to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

June 13, Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

### High School Party

We will gather at the Sullivans' house to celebrate the last week of school. All those currently in high school are invited. Bring a friend. The Sullivans are located at 11437 Beechgrove Lane in Potomac.

June 14, Monday, Noon

### Fun Bunch

This is our last Fun Bunch before summer. We will have a presentation about in home safety.

June 20, Sunday, Both Worship Services

### Father's Day Celebration

Bring your father, grandfather and/or your favorite father-figure to either of the worship services as we celebrate Father's Day and give them a special gift.

June 21 - 25, 8:30 - 4:30

### Vacation Bible Camp

This is Emmanuel's day long Vacation Bible Camp that we are pleased to have led by staff from Mar-Lu-Ridge. We need youth volunteers each day, and they can earn SSL hours. See page 9 for more information about the camp.

June 27, Sunday, 1:30

### Basketball

All adults, youth and young adults are invited out for a rematch game in the lower parking lot.

June 28, Monday, 1 p.m.

### Lunch

Meet Pastor Lewis at the Food Court in Montgomery Mall for lunch. Lunch is on your own, but Pastor Lewis will buy dessert. Meet Pastor Lewis at the top of the escalator by the food court.

July 4, Sunday, both worship services

### Blessing of those going to Work Camp

We will bless all those who will be leaving the following week to Chi Rho Work Camp in Neon, Kentucky.

July 11 - 17

### Chi Rho Work Camp

Several high school students will be accompanying Pastor Lewis as they head to Neon, Kentucky for Work Camp. There may still be spaces available if you would like to go. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Robert Lewis.

## Got an Idea for Ministry?

The Youth and Family Ministry Team (YFMT) is looking for ideas for ministry opportunities from members of the congregation. For example, we have the wonderful Parish Nurse Ministry here at Emmanuel because Anna Roberts approached the pastors and church council with the idea. The idea was approved, Anna became our Parish Nurse, and has started a valuable ministry.

Do you have an idea for ministry? Is there an area of ministry that you would like to be involved in, but not sure if such a thing exists at Emmanuel? We invite you to discuss your idea with the Youth and Family Ministry Team. You can either contact Pastor Lewis or Sue Hunley, the chair of YFMT.

## Congratulations to our Graduates

It is June and that means graduation for many students. Here is list of our high school and college graduates that we know about.

### High School

For those who are graduating from high school, we have also included what they plan on doing in the fall of 2010.

*Mark Beasman* will be attending Rensselaer Polytech in New York.

*Catie Curry* will be attending St. Mary's College in Maryland.

*Christina Hastings* will be attending Montgomery College.

*Greg Hunley* will be taking a Gap Year and plans to travel and do service work and photography.

*Leah Freilich* will be attending the California Institute of the Arts to continue studying dance.

*Zibby Pillote* will be attending Lewis & Clark College in Oregon.

*Elise Racine* will be attending Stanford University.

*Alex Rhea* will be attending Virginia Tech.

*Cece Sullivan* will be attending Towson University.

*Christopher Verboncoeur* will be attending Virginia Tech.

*Eddie Wykind* will be attending St. Joseph's University.

### College

We congratulate those completing their degrees.

*Doug Adams*, Master's from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

*John Kalas*, Juris Doctor from Georgetown Law.

*Kiki Stellakis*, Bachelor's from McDaniel College in Maryland.

*Laura Van Oudenaren*, Bachelor's from Davidson College in North Carolina.

*Chris Weaver*, Bachelor's from College of Charleston.

If we missed anyone, please let Pastor Lewis know so we can acknowledge them in the July/August issue.



*Music is an outburst of the soul.*

— Frederick Delius

Greetings Everyone.

A few days ago, Saturday, May 15th to be exact, about 65 members and close friends of Emmanuel gathered in the church Fellowship Hall, and experienced some of the most remarkable musical outbursts ever experienced under our roof! For you who were not there, you should know that the otherwise utilitarian space was transformed into a classy-looking theatre or auditorium, complete with beautiful flowers provided by Marilyn and Chuck Gilbert, a beautifully polished grand piano, thanks to Sally Koenig, and decorated background “flats” provided by John and Susie Drumm. Clever adjustments to the lighting added to the theatrical ambiance.

As those discriminating members who attended were to discover, there is no question about the fact that as a church family we are blessed to have many, many “Treasures of Emmanuel” – talents which, although we knew were among us, shone like brilliant stars in the night! Indeed there were overflow demonstrations to give credence to Frederick Delius’ quote above, but, in addition to music there were also warm and wonderful outbursts of joy and laughter brought on by unexpected talents, not the least among them being Brad Fackler’s lively presentation of his special skills as a juggler! (Now that he’s been installed as a member of the Church Council, who knows – they may loosen up too!). And, as a “sleeper in the house”, Mark Olson showed a side of him that no one could possibly suspect: he can juggle too! Next year, I’m going to ask all of you to support my idea of having them perform a duo act – but next time, instead of tennis balls, some scary things, like machetes and bowling balls and torches!

Resident theatrical ham, John Drumm, was wonderful as the Master of Ceremonies, and his ability to create up-to-date words to established songs from Broadway shows is remarkable. We expected him to be good. We also knew that his wife, Susie – who is totally and delightfully uninhibited when it comes to theater – would be very entertaining. She was. But for many of us, the most exciting moments were when the children took their places on the make shift stage. Each one of them displayed amazing talent and is deserving of another round of applause. In performance order, they were Eilis Crawley, *pianist*, Katie Cannon, *violinist*, Devin Cawley, *trombone* (he played two selections!), Cara King, *pianist*, Brendan Cawley, *flute*, and Marcus Dixon, *trumpet*. In addition to these youngsters we heard Emma Schuettler on *cello*, and *pianists* Clare Cawley and Abbie Cannon. Due to a neighborhood incident, pianist Abbi Audas was unable to come. However, Charla Lillis, who was substituting for Kevin Adams as a ringer of handbells, volunteered a superb flute solo. We are blessed not only by talent in the congregation but in our guests as well.

Finally, Susie Drumm had every right to beam after the singing and acting of the much reduced Joyful Praise Choir (the

families and children who didn’t participate, for whatever the reasons, truly missed a sensational opportunity), and, as director of the Handbell Choir, I was never more pleased. Their music was very different, very interesting, and very complicated. But, in the vernacular of sports, “they nailed it.” The following morning, at both services, as many of you know, the bells played one of the selections again.

**The next main event is the annual cantata by Joyful Praise, under the exuberant leadership of Susie Drumm. It will be Sunday morning, June 13, at the 11:00 service. The cantata is titled, *Cool In the Furnace*, and is the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. I’m excited because they’ve asked me to portray the mean king, Nebuchadnezzar. Type casting? Don’t miss it!**

Until next time, I am

Faithfully yours,

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It used to be that June was the start of a long summer vacation. School was over and freedom beckoned. The idea of lying on the grass and watching the clouds drift overhead seemed wonderful then and idyllic now. Somehow we never recall the chores that seemed to be assigned: the grass that grew with insistent vigor and requiring constant attention, weeding, running errands, minding siblings, mucking out strangely filthy places. Those moments of idle bliss are what comes to mind. Who says that memory is selective? It’s protective.



June celebrations include Flag Day which commemorates the adoption of the first American flag by the Continental Congress. Whether or not Betsy Ross was really involved in the creation of the flag, it remains a potent symbol of our dreams and national pride. Coming back after being away from the States and seeing the flag gives many of us a tingle along the spine and a sense of grateful return.



June brings with it the longest days of the year. The summer solstice is cause for celebration for the north of Europe because they have learned to relish the sun and because the contrast with the winter solstice is so great. What does it mean to us in Maryland? Mostly, it is just longer days to enjoy, more opportunity to grill outdoors, greater chances of pleasurable moments out of doors. . . . And greater opportunity for mosquito attack. Hmmm.

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