



EMMANUEL LIFE

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Our mission: Growing Into Christ, Reaching out in Love

Our vision: To invite, develop, and nurture a caring community who seeks relationship with Jesus Christ in the Anglican tradition.



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LENTEN PROGRAM WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

**Wednesday March 3rd, March 10th,
March 17th, and March 24th**

5:45 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Chapel

6:15 p.m. Potluck Dinner in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Program for Adults & Youth

“Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts”

8:00 p.m. Compline

Childcare available during the program.

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Potluck Dinner: We ask each member / family to bring a *simple* dish large enough to feed 10-12 people. (No desserts, please). All are welcome at the dinner even if you cannot stay for the Program.

Lenten Program: There will be a short teaching about spiritual gifts, followed by discussion and activity. All adults and teens are encouraged to attend. This study will provide each individual the time and tools to begin thinking about your spiritual gifts and how you are called to use them.

Rector's Ruminations

Holy Week Services

If we are on time, you should be receiving this during the second full week of Lent. I hope all have been able to find time to draw closer to our Lord during these weeks through prayer, fasting, worship and study.

Speaking of study, it's not too late to join us on Wednesday nights for our Lenten pot luck and study. This year, we are doing a spiritual gifts inventory led by Deacon Janice and the Stephen Ministry. Evening Prayer is at 5:45, pot luck at 6:15 and program at 7:00.

Now I encourage you to be as prepared as possible for a glorious Easter celebration by attending Holy Week services!

Palm Sunday: On March 28th celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in our procession with palms and contemplate the Passion he is soon to endure. Meet in the courtyard.

Tenebrae: On Wednesday March 31st at 7 PM join us for a service of lessons, prayers and musical offerings to help us focus on the battle between darkness and light. Those who attended last year for the first time remarked how meaningful it was for them.

Maundy Thursday: On Thursday April 1st at 7 PM we focus on three mandates; "Do this in remembrance of me," in reference to the institution of the Eucharist at the last supper, the commands to love one another and to serve one another as evidenced in the foot washing. We conclude this dramatic and moving service with the stripping the altar, leaving us with only the Good Friday cross to contemplate.

Good Friday: On Friday April 2nd, we have services at 12 noon and 7 PM. We will think and meditate on Christ's passion and his death for our sins. We will walk the Stations of the Cross at 6 PM.

I think it is impossible to fully appreciate and celebrate Easter without walking with Jesus in his steps leading to the cross. Please join us during Holy Week so you can have as spiritually meaningful an Easter as is possible.

All blessings and have a blessed Holy Week and Easter,

Fr. Malcolm +

Vestry Retreat

Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 – noon.

Lunch provided.

Vestry Meeting

Saturday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Greeting from Children's Ministries! By the time you read this, the banner will have been buried for Lent and the children will be filling their mite boxes with coins for **Haiti Relief through Episcopal Relief and Development**. This month, we'll focus on Lent and prepare for Easter.



Speaking of preparations for Easter, it's time to collect stuffed animals and little trinkets and candies for the baskets for the children at the Salvation Army Women and Children's Center. The stuffed animals should be big enough to snuggle with and the candies need to be individually wrapped. Other ideas for the baskets include toy cars, pencils, bottles of bubbles and any other little items that you think would bring a smile to a child's face on Easter morning. Thank you in advance for your help. We always have such a wonderful response for this project and the children truly appreciate their special baskets. We are collecting items to fill 25-35 baskets. This year, we are going to get the children involved and have them fill the baskets during Sunday School.

It's hard to believe, but May is quickly approaching and we have no one to take over as the **Children's Ministries Coordinator**. In the event that it takes longer to find the right person, I'd like to let you know what the volunteer needs might be for the summer. The first one would be Sunday School. The teachers are off for the summer, so we need to have a program in place. Last year, the older children (rising 3rd- rising 5th graders) attended the service for the summer while the younger children went to the nursery for snacks and play/art projects. This worked well most weeks, but if there were several children and babies, I did take the older children downstairs for Sunday School. It would be great to have someone volunteer to help out with the children as needed on Sundays during the summer, even if we do have a new coordinator by that time. I'm sure that person would welcome the help.



The next volunteer opportunity is **VBS**. We will have a **Children's Ministries meeting to address Vacation Bible School on March 14, after the 10:15 service**. I hope to see several people there so that we can plan this important outreach event. Once the initial planning is complete, VBS runs along pretty smoothly, but we do need to make sure there are enough volunteers to make it work. We will need either a person or a committee to oversee the volunteers and coordinate VBS this summer.

Thanks for considering the above opportunities to help out.

*Blessings,
Cindy*

ALTAR GUILD WORK DAY

Saturday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Altar Guild members will polish the silver,
clean the sacristies and tidy up in preparation for
Easter Sunday.

RSVP to Carol Gray (GraynGray@aol.com)

Calendar - March 2010

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

- ❖ 8.00 am Holy Eucharist
- ❖ 9.00 am Adult Christian Education
Confirmation / Newcomer Class
- ❖ 10.15 am Holy Eucharist
- ❖ 10.15 am Children's Chapel & Sunday School
- ❖ 10.15 am Youth Sunday School



WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST & HEALING PRAYER

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st at 10.00 am

Ministries, Groups, & Special Events

- ❖ Stephen Ministry
1st Wednesday at 7.00 pm
- ❖ Finance Committee
March 18th at 5:30 pm
- ❖ Vestry Retreat
Saturday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m.
- ❖ Vestry Meeting
Saturday, March 20 at 1:00
- ❖ Staff Meeting every Monday at 11:00 am
- ❖ Choir Rehearsal Thursdays at 7:15 pm
- ❖ Handbell Rehearsal Thursdays at 6:00 pm
- ❖ Adult Christian Education Class
Sundays at 9.00 am
Topic: *A Hunger for Healing*
- ❖ Wednesday Bible Study resumes April 14
- ❖ Men's Breakfast Club
Tuesdays 6:30–7:30 a.m. in Parish Hall

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

SUNDAY MARCH 14. *Spring forward 1 hour.*

- ❖ Girl Scouts
Sundays & Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays at 9:30 am
- ❖ Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts
Each Tues, Wed, & Thurs at 7:00 pm
- ❖ Lenten Program (Weds thru March 24)
Evening Prayer at 5:45 p.m.
Potluck at 6:15 p.m.
Program at 7:00 p.m.
Compline at 8:00 p.m.
(Childcare available during program)
- ❖ Altar Guild Work Day & lunch
Saturday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Birthdays:

3/2 Charlie Duls
3/2 Cody Cottrell
3/2 Anabelle Rucks
3/04 Reece White
3/04 Myers Pennypacker
3/5 Susan Goodspeed
3/5 Margaret Simonds
3/8 Van White
3/9 Joe Fielding
3/9 Anthony Marinaro, Jr
3/10 Diane Gay
3/10 Cindy Cottrell
3/12 Maxine Franklin
3/13 Delaney Knapp
3/14 Jere Groover
3/14 J Wallace

3/14 Alexander Cook-Wright
3/16 Caroline MaGloire
3/16 John White
3/16 Chloe Carlisle
3/17 Betsy Gerlach
3/17 Frank Wallis
3/19 Deacon Janice Honea
3/19 Drake Wallis
3/22 Jason Smith
3/22 Tony Leonard III
3/23 Annette Baker
3/23 Trey Cottrell
3/25 Eleanor Ackermann
3/25 Skip Spangler
3/25 Austin Sims

3/26 Tony Leonard
3/26 Chris Bowman
3/27 Jackie Hess
3/28 Nathaniel Groover
3/28 Jim Honea
3/30 Cate Buchanan
3/30 Ella Buchanan
3/31 Cynthia Ennis
3/31 Lisa Mouton

Anniversaries:

3/19 Alexander & Jennifer
van den Berg
3/25 Skip & Arlene Parker
3/30 Beth & Barry Richardson



Servants of the Lord

	March 7 th	March 14 th	March 21 st	March 28 th
Acolytes	Harrison Buchanan Cody Cottrell Kaley Knapp Natalie Mark	Kuryn MaGloire Eli Matthews Olivia Richardson Andrew Wallis	Harrison Buchanan Alex Van Den Berg Ben Van Den Berg Kate Van Den Berg	Elliot Arnold Isabel Arnold Kaley Knapp Georgia Miller
Nursery	Heather High	Erin Calloway	Dorothea Stephenson	Jean Duls
Altar Guild	Betsy Holt Carol Gray Maxine McNutt Betty Stevens Jennifer van den Berg Airen Combs	Pati Gallman Sue Carlisle Joan Cavanaugh Beth Richardson Olivia Richardson Keagan Miller	Sheryl Barr Kathy Putnam Betsy Mark Natalie Mark	Ginger Grimm Ginny Justice Eleanor Ackermann Diana Ives (Sally Brig) Wayne Forbes
8:00 Coffee Hosts	Jean Duls	Ginny Justice	Sue Likon	Dick Likon
10:15 Coffee Hosts	Sharon Bailey	Keith Ackermann	Barbara Knapp	Sue Lapham
Greeters	Pete & Sheryl Barr	Keith & Eleanor Ackermann	Fritz & Betty Pfeiffer	Jim & Betsy Mark
8:00 LEM & Lector	Dick Likon	Tom Justice	Ginger Grimm	Kathy Putnam
10:15 Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Buchanan Pati Gallman Donna Peral Jill Smoot	Karen DiDea Ginger Grimm Barbara Knapp Lesbia Nevarez	Bob Buchanan Carol Donahue Diane Gay Tommy Matthews	Karen DiDea Ginger Grimm Donna Peral Frank Wallis
Lector	Sally Heath	Susan Goodspeed	Rowe Jones	
8:00 Ushers	Charles Duls Jean Duls	Dick Likon Sue Likon	Arlene Parker Skip Spangler	Marion Reynolds Barbara Hodgkin
10:15 Ushers	Al Dagon Joan Dagon Jim Honea	Juan Lopez Sandy Lopez Trey Cottrell	Al Dagon Joan Dagon Jim Honea	Pete Barr Ginny Justice

Fresh Start Team

Captain Ginny Justice

Alice Blackwell, Betsy Holt, Betsy Mark

Curtis Arnold & Robin Suarez

Sunday Adult Education

**"It is the pain of living
that creates a hunger for healing
that only God can satisfy,"
as stated by Keith Miller.**

We will embark on a spiritual process that takes us from being powerless to being "God-powered." using Keith Miller's book titled "*A Hunger for Healing*," as a guide.

Contact Tommy Matthews @
407-895-0646 with any questions.

Ultreya

March's
St. Patrick's Ultreya
date has been
changed to
Sunday the 14th.

RSVP to Karen
DiDea 407-466-
6150 or Sue Lapham
407-898-9300.

Men's Breakfast Club



Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 am
In the Parish Hall
Worship, Food and
Fellowship

Interested? Contact Tommy
Matthews
@ 407-895-0646 or
w-dmatthews@msn.com

YOU and YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

God has called each Christian to minister. God has given us one or more spiritual gifts to help with our ministry, and finding those unique gifts is a thrilling experience. Individuals grow by identifying their gifts and learning how God wants them to be used. During our 2010 Lenten Series, we will be discovering God's vision for our life.

*My gifts to God are rich indeed,
Unique to me alone.
God's call and purpose forward lead,
Through me God's seeds are sown. **

Everyone can benefit from participating in the Spiritual Gifts study. Deacon Janice Honea will lead us in this exciting study of understanding our spiritual gifts. Youth Minister Gerin and Emmanuel's Stephen Ministers will facilitate the small group discussions. Having a clear understanding of what spiritual gifts are and how individuals can best make use of the gifts they possess gives vision and direction to the ministry of the congregation as a whole. *I pray that the Emmanuel Family (Adults and Youth) will join us in this spiritual journey.*

Terri Godsell
Stephen Leader

**Practicing Your Faith: A Book of Retreats for an Intentional Life by Holly W. Whitcomb, p. 93.*

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Emmanuel Youth February Update



Camp Wingman

High School Students
March 12-14
Cost: \$95

For more information or to
sign up, talk to Gerin
828-275-2632



A number of exciting youth events are on the horizon. Aside from the high school camp shown above, the middle school students can anticipate their own camp on April 23-25.

The youth will also be watching "Jesus of Nazareth" (A miniseries on Jesus' life) on Sundays after church throughout the month of lent.

Please pray for the students: that they would know Christ, and love one another