



***Emmanuel Episcopal  
Church***

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***We worship God and follow  
Jesus Christ, learning and  
growing together in the Holy  
Spirit to serve in the world.  
We will love and welcome ALL.***

**God's promises are new each morning.**

October was a rich tapestry of parish activities, happy and sad, busy, quiet, prayerful, exuberant, searching. We celebrated the life of one of our own saints, Deacon Betty Carlson, on October 6 using the hymns and readings which she had chosen years ago, and left in a file at Emmanuel. Many thanks to Fr. Jim Hempstead for being our celebrant, thanks to Shirley Burns for a beautiful reception after the service.

Blessings and Generosity opened our stewardship season in October. Thanks to co-chairs, David LaMarche and Kathy Petersen for the letters and reminders to give soon and generously so that Emmanuel may continue to do good works in 2019!

We had our first rummage sale in many years, and cleared out some stuff. It happened in the garage! Huge thanks to those who worked on rummage including, but not limited to, Leah Cell, Sue Droste, Joyce Riordan, Ron Rinker, Wendy Price, our new sexton Roberta, Mary Street, Katie MacInnis and Nancy Turner. Thank you!

There was, from what I hear, a great family Halloween Party on Sunday, Oct. 28. I saw one parent say "Best Halloween Party Ever" online. Thanks to Ashley Price, Dan Armstrong and all who helped with this.

And, the organ is losing all its cobwebs, and has been

exercised spectacularly by our new Director of Music Ministries, André Strydom. We welcomed André to Emmanuel in early October and he has already doubled the size of our choir! Alleluia and kudos to the Music Search cell chaired by Randy Evans and Nina Wagar

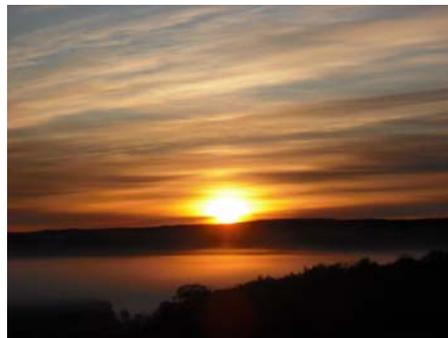
Also new to our staff is our Sexton, Roberta Shalifoe. She is a wonderful worker and is making our building so clean that it sparkles. Thanks for joining us, Roberta!

Vestry members have put in extra effort this month and I am especially thankful for their commitment to making a good transition, following the tasks set out by our Diocese. A new poster in the Entryway will detail our progress. Watch us check off that list!

Soon after Fr. Greg Brown's departure, Canon Anne Hallmark gave me a special prayer which I keep near my home phone. Here it is: "O Lord, I am willing to have this work out much better than I can imagine. Amen".

Things are working out much better than I can imagine and now I can tell you that we have an Interim Rector! The Rev. Alan James has signed a Letter of Agreement and our vestry is excited about this particular priest who will be leader, listener and spiritual guide to us in this year of transition. Fr. Alan has written a lovely letter to you, his own introduction, which follows.

Thankful for our many blessings,  
our beloved church, and its future,  
Sandy



October 30, 2018

Dear Members of Emmanuel Church,

I am very excited to have been called as your Interim Rector - to serve with you during this time of transition. It is with joy and anticipation that I look forward to beginning our ministry together this Advent.

During my 22 years of ordained ministry I have been privileged to work with congregations of differing sizes and life stages. From the sunny suburbs of San Diego, to small town Ohio, to the inner-city of Chicago's South-Side, I have re-planted a congregation following a church split, shepherded growing and bustling congregations, and cared for a faithful congregation with 12 people on Sunday in a remote corner the Diocese. In each case what has been particularly fulfilling for me is to work with the people of the congregation in determining - "What is God calling us to do now?" As people and congregations, we are always growing and changing. Transitions are regular opportunities throughout our lives for us to re-evaluate who we are and step out in new ways to become more fully the person or congregation God has created us to be.

I was intrigued and delighted by my conversations with your Wardens and Vestry. In those conversations I not only learned about the life of the congregation and the meaningful ministries developed during the Rev. Greg Brown's tenure as your Rector, but I also heard an openness and inquisitiveness in them about what might be next for you as a congregation. That is an exciting and healthy place to be, a spirit of balance between celebrating the past and looking forward to what might be around the next bend. As your interim it is my role to help you continue to own the past (the good and any bad), grow in self-awareness of who you are as a congregation and the broader community in which you live and serve, and prepare the foundation for the Rector whom you will eventually call. This is good work for us to do together.

While I am the person from my family you will see the most, I am blessed and take great joy in being part of a large blended family. My beloved wife, Lisa, is also an Episcopal priest. She serves as the Sub-Dean of St. James Cathedral in the heart of Chicago. Lisa grew up in Detroit and is excited and supportive of me coming to this beautiful part of her home state (as long as I return home with at least one genuine Petoskey stone). Our lives have been greatly enriched by our six children and four grandchildren. Lisa's four adult children live in Chicago, New York, and Columbus and my two daughters are in school in Ohio, and therefore we are accustomed to living as a family across geographical distance. My eldest, Eleanor, is a junior at Ohio State University (apologies to the Wolverines in our midst!) and my younger daughter, Audrey, attends high school in suburban Cleveland, where she divides her time between her interest in photography and her passion for Junior Olympic volleyball.

Again, please know what a privilege it is for me to be entrusted with this role as your Interim. It is with hope and prayer that I prepare to join you soon. May God bless you now and in all that you do.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan +".

The Rev. Alan C. James

## **BLESSINGS & GENEROSITY**

Welcome to November the month of changes from dull dark days to bright sun to swirling snow - a little like Emmanuel since August. But we are moving forward into the calm of new things with 2 big questions answered:

Who is to be Music Director; and

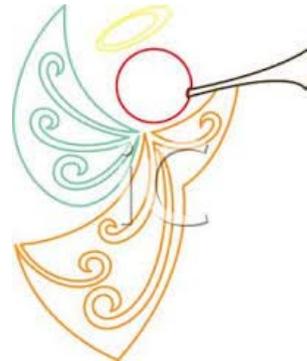
Who will be our interim Priest.

Now we can focus on some events and the work of running our church. Keeping it operating smoothly is the job of Vestry and the Cell Groups who have stepped up to assure the congregation that we are spiritually strong in our commitments to the world, our country and community. Now it is time to make commitments to God and tithe for next years' work. Put the envelope in the offering basket or bring it to the office - giving our congregation the next opportunity to do God's work.



## **ANGEL TREE TEASER**

It may still be fall with weather that's blustery and rainy complete with flying leaves all around, gardens being put to bed and people preparing for winter. That means it's also time to start thinking about our annual Angel Tree that helps provide a blessed Christmas for those less fortunate than ourselves. Watch next month's Harbinger and our weekly bulletin for more information on how YOU can be a part of this easy but impactful ministry.



## **TREASURER NEWS**

As the Treasurer of EEC I had the pleasure recently of signing the checks to distribute the \$56,400 to the groups identified by BOW as worthy of our support. These contributions by EEC will help support the fights against hunger, discrimination and poverty. In addition we made contributions to the fight against addiction and we supported a program focused on helping young women enter the STEM professions. These were worthy causes and our Church supports many other worthy causes. To continue that support and provide the infrastructure of our Church, please support the current Stewardship campaign. Please help the Vestry plan for next year by pledging what you can for 2019.



Mark Thompson, Treasurer

## **BEYOND OUR WALLS (BOW) NEWS**

It is time for the BOW Cell to share and celebrate with Emmanuel Episcopal parish the final report of the Charles H. Wood Family Trust/ God Send Trust discernment process by the BOW Cell. Our challenge of disbursing the \$56,400 from the Vestry to organizations that we felt met our criteria of serving youth, health needs, emergency needs and poverty issues are as follows:

- Nehemiah House, Petoskey, MI \$3,000;
- Copper Country Strong - Portage Foundation, Hancock, MI \$5,000;
- Bear River Health Clinic-Alcoholism and Addictions, Walloon Lake, MI \$5,000;
- Women's Resource Center-Petoskey, MI \$3,000;
- Alacrones, Cuba Mission Church congregation, Mantanzas, Cuba \$2500, land purchase;
- Northmen Den Food Pantry - Petoskey, MI. \$10,000;
- Justice for Our Neighbors, Traverse City, MI, \$2,500;
- Justice for Peace and Advocacy Center, Traverse City, MI \$2,500;
- Petoskey Public Schools (STEM Curriculum- High School) Petoskey, MI \$5,000;
- Episcopal Relief and Development [General Fund] \$5,000;
- Episcopal Relief and Development [Puerto Rico-Hurricane Maria relief] \$5,000;
- Tiny houses/homes-Cass Corridor, Detroit \$5,000;
- Emmanuel Episcopal Church Mission Trips Dedicated Fund \$2,500.

**Total = \$56,400**

It is our hope that these funds will bring new life for good works to these organizations and that it may enrich them in its use. Blessings from Emmanuel Episcopal Church BOW Cell.



A huge thank you to the BOW Cell membership for their dedicated work on this project.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dottie Hawthorne  
BOW Cell Chair

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Our purpose is to provide a ministry of hope and caring so that no one in our congregation needs to be alone.





Pastoral Care is here to help as we go through the exciting process of finding an interim priest and our new rector.

We will reach out to you at church or through phone calls, emails, and text messages, but you may contact us as well if you need to talk or share your feelings or concerns. We need to all stand together and love one another as a family as our new pages unfold. Our strong vestry and cell groups will continue to stay active and keep all of ministries on track.

Pastoral Care is excited to announce a New Ministry for Emmanuel. A Handyman Service is now being provided to those unable to do certain jobs around the home. If you need assistance, please call Sharyn at 231.622.8866 or Leah in the church office. We will find someone within the parish to be of help.

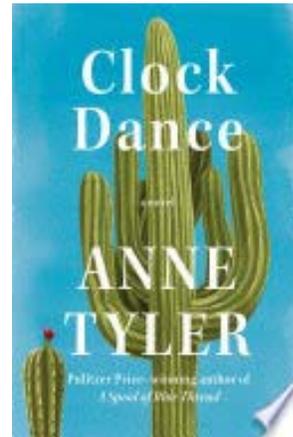
Pastoral Care is also available to provide in home or hospital communion, transportation, deliver meals, and to visit you at home or in the hospital. We offer prayers as well as compassionate listening. Prayer shawls and scarfs and prayer booklets are available. Always confidentiality is at utmost in our ministry.

Please let us know if you or anyone could benefit from our ministry by calling Sharyn Olliffe 248.909.5862 -231.622.8866/ or the church office 231.347.2350

### **NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB NEWS**

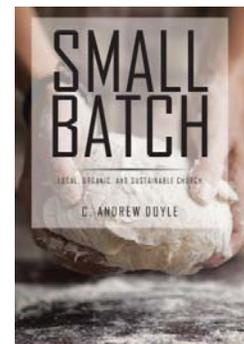
As you can see, our next pick is "Clock Dance" by Anne Tyler. This national best-seller is a charming novel of self-discovery and second chances. The story revolves around Willa Drake who can count on one hand the defining moments in her life. It follows her journey from 1967 when her mother suddenly disappears to 2017 when she yearns to be a grandmother. Our discussion of "Clock Dance" will happen Monday evening, November 12th at the home of Nancy Nicholson beginning at 7pm.

Anybody who is interested in carpooling from Petoskey, should meet in Emmanuel's parking lot and we'll head out about 6:45. For more information, feel free to contact Nancy Turner at [taketurns1106@gmail.com](mailto:taketurns1106@gmail.com)



### **"FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP" BOOK CLUB**

The "Faith and Friendship" book club will meet next on Tuesday, November 20th at 7 pm, at the home of Bill and Nancy Nicholson, 154 Mishe Mokwa Dr. Nancy will lead the discussion this month on the book Small Batch: Local, Organic, and Sustainable Church by C. Andrew Doyle. Pew Research indicates a steady decline in traditional Christian worship since the mid 20th century. As people have decreased their attendance, there becomes a need to connect with them in new ways. The



church needs to go to the people. Recognizing this, Episcopal Bishop Doyle shares Small Batch missional efforts throughout the United States. Bringing the Gospel outside of the traditional bricks and mortar has sprung many new and exciting ministries. What we discover is that the gospel will not be deterred by size or economic realities. This title is available at Amazon in paperback for \$13.95 and on Kindle for \$3.99. (Not found in local libraries.) All who are interested are invited to attend, even if you have not yet read the book. Call Nancy at 373-3900 if you have any questions.

## **NOVEMBER 2018**

### **COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:**

**November 4: The Booths and The Emmendorfers**  
**November 11: Harvest Dinner**  
**November 18: TBD**  
**November 25: TBD**

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

<b>Nov. 1 Susan Causley</b>	<b>Nov. 1 Joseph Farley</b>
<b>Nov. 1 Charles MacInnis</b>	<b>Nov. 2 Ellen Audia</b>
<b>Nov. 2 Kirk Lufkin</b>	<b>Nov. 2 Katie MacInnis</b>
<b>Nov. 6 Gregory Brown</b>	<b>Nov. 6 Ann Chatterson</b>
<b>Nov. 6 Mindy Sears</b>	<b>Nov. 7 Daniel Varga</b>
<b>Nov. 8 Amy Janssens</b>	<b>Nov. 8 Claire Tarquini</b>
<b>Nov. 9 Tracy Goble</b>	<b>Nov. 11 Rod Hammond</b>
<b>Nov. 12 Connie Booth</b>	<b>Nov. 12 Kathleen Meier</b>
<b>Nov. 13 Russell Carpenter</b>	<b>Nov. 15 Mary Pasternak</b>
<b>Nov. 16 Jenna Clarkson</b>	<b>Nov. 16 William Riordan</b>
<b>Nov. 18 Dottie Hawthorne</b>	<b>Nov. 19 Bruce Booth</b>
<b>Nov. 20 Nancy Eibling</b>	<b>Nov. 20 Randy Evans</b>
<b>Nov. 21 Marilyn Thompson</b>	<b>Nov. 22 Thomas Pinson</b>
<b>Nov. 23 Betty Davis</b>	<b>Nov. 23 Alison DeCamp</b>
<b>Nov. 26 Ryan Cartwright</b>	<b>Nov. 27 Nate Gross</b>
<b>Nov. 27 Andrew Spence</b>	<b>Nov. 29 Jobst Blachy</b>
<b>Nov. 30 Carolyn Penniman</b>	



**CELEBRATE!!**

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

**November 9th: Todd & Kathy Petersen**  
**November 18th: Stephen & Nancy Eibling**  
**November 21st: Jay & Pat Emmendorfer**  
**November 23rd: Gary & Mary Street**  
**November 25th: Joseph & Kathryn Audia**  
**November 30th: David & Sarah Kuckelman**  
**November 30th: William & Joyce Riordan**



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<u>November 4</u>	<u>November 11</u>	<u>November 18</u>	<u>November 25</u>
RITE I Service: Lynn Duse / Ernie Mainland	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath Lynn Duse	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath
<b>RITE II Service:</b> LEMs: MaryIn Graham - 1st Tom Hord	LEMs: MaryIn Graham - 1st Sharyn Olliffe	LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Frank Hawthorne	LEMs: MaryIn Graham - 1st Dottie Hawthorne
POPs: Gretchen Lamarche	POPs: Tim Tippett	POPs: Tim Tippett	POPs: Sharyn Olliffe
LECTORS: Sarah Mosser	LECTORS: Mary Kreid	LECTORS: Steven Selden	LECTORS: Bruce Turner
ACOLYTEs: Josephine Cabana	ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer Katie Farley Joseph Farley	ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Caroline Farley Thomas Farley
USHERs & GREETERs: Bill & Ginny King	USHERs & GREETERs: Bruce & Connie Booth	USHERs & GREETERs: Sarah Mosser, Joan Neubrecht	USHERs & GREETERs: Ashley Price, Wendy Price
CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENERs: Bruce Koch	CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENERs: DJ Jones
ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse, Mary Thompson	ALTAR GUILD: <b>TBD</b>	ALTAR GUILD: <b>TBD</b>	ALTAR GUILD: <b>TBD</b>
COFFEE HOUR: The Booths & The Emmendorfer	COFFEE HOUR: <b>Harvest Dinner</b>	COFFEE HOUR: <b>TBD</b>	COFFEE HOUR: <b>TBD</b>
VPOW: Sandy Selden	VPOW: Joan Holec/ Sandy Selden	VPOW: Tim Tippett	VPOW: Randy Evans
PLATE COORDINATOR: D/F Hawthorne	PLATE COORDINATOR: Franz Neubrecht	PLATE COORDINATOR: Andrew Spence	PLATE COORDINATOR: Bob Howse



Check our website for the latest, up to date happenings at Emmanuel by clicking the link to our Church Calendar [here](#).

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Your 2018 EEC Vestry Members:

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Frank Hawthorne, Junior Warden  
Joyce Riordan, Clerk  
Randy Evans  
Joan Holec  
Karel Howse  
Gretchen Lamarche  
Timothy Tippet  
Nina Wagar

Your EEC Staff Members:

The Rev. Alan C. James, Interim Rector  
Andre Strydom, Director of Music Ministries  
Leah Cell, Office Manager  
Christina Cartwright, Altar Guild Director  
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Roberta Shalifoe, EEC Sexton

*STAY CONNECTED*



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