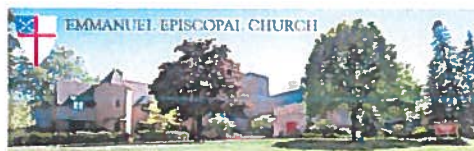


Emmanuel Episcopal Church
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DECEMBER 2018 HARBINGER



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Emmanuel Episcopal Church calendar, Holidays in United States

Dec 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am - Rite I Eucharist 10am - Rite II Eucharist 4pm - MS/HS Youth Group 5pm - Emmanuel Choristers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm - Emmanuel Bridge 6:30pm - ACA Meeting @ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am - Wednesday 10am - Church Staff 12:30pm - Pastoral Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am - Wednesday 10am - Church Staff 12:30pm - Pastoral Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am - Mighty Men of 9:30am - Worship & Liturgy 10am - Gather & Grow Cell 11am - Eucharist-1928 11:30am - Soup Kitchen 1:30pm - Northmen Den - 7pm - Adult Choir Practice 7pm - Youth Group 8pm - We Care Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am - Mighty Men of 11am - Eucharist-1928 11:30am - Soup Kitchen 12pm - Harbinger Deadline 1:30pm - Northmen Den - 7pm - Adult Choir Practice 8pm - We Care Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11am - Ordination of Peter 6pm - The Blinits - Using
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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.

Harbinger letter for December 2018

There were nine children in Sunday school on November 25. Good job being there after the Thanksgiving holiday! We made Advent wreaths and talked about Advent, the preparation and the waiting. "It's so hard to wait," they said.

As a parish, we know that. We've been waiting, and I know it has seemed like a long wait for many of you, between Fr. Greg's departure and the arrival THIS WEEK of Fr. Alan James. But, that wait is over and a new chapter begins for Emmanuel Episcopal Church with the arrival of our Interim Rector.

Please attend one of the services on Sunday, DEC. 2 to welcome the REV. ALAN JAMES and to celebrate the beginning of Advent, the beginning of a new church year. We will have worship and a festive coffee hour for all.

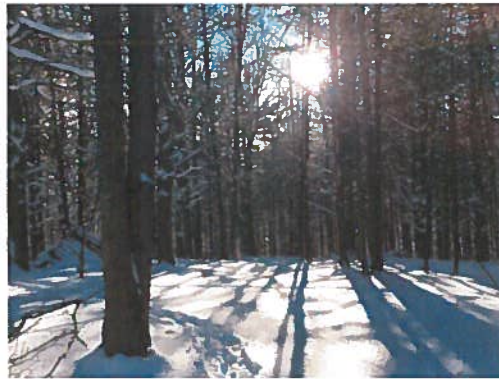
While Fr. Alan is getting situated and meeting all of you, the usual EEC work will go on as usual. We will need volunteers for the usual on-going work, all of the projects that have been mentioned in your Sunday bulletin. In addition, there will be a vestry appointed committee seeking nominees to replace three retiring vestry members. You may be asked to serve! If so, I hope you will consider it prayerfully, and with a bit of enthusiasm.

Another new beginning is the formation of a Search Committee, appointed by Vestry, to seek a new permanent Rector for Emmanuel. Members of the Search Committee will be committed to a long period of time together, meeting frequently to discuss who we are as a parish, and to imagine our vision of the future. The committee will itself be a broad and deep sampling of Emmanuel Church, with members of varied interest, ages and skills. To obtain that broad representation, we will ask interested parishioners to fill out a short application

and answer some questions. The application for this spiritual journey will be available soon.

Meanwhile, I wish you a peaceful Advent, quiet moments, good conversations with a little sparkle, and the joy of anticipation that is all around us this season!

God's peace,
Sandy



ANGEL TREE

Beyond Our Walls will be supporting two (2) families at the safe house this year for Christmas. Watch for the tree with the Angel tags in the entrance way. On the Angel Tags you will find requests from the family. Select one or more items and bring them to the church wrapped for delivery by Dec. 12th. Thanks for helping to bring a blessed Christmas to these families.

Emmanuel Choir

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Petoskey, MI

*"When in our music
God is glorified,
And adoration
leaves no room
for pride –
it is a though the
whole creation
cried ALLELUIA!"*

It is our
great privilege,
as members of the
EMMANUEL CHOIR,
to illuminate the
reading and the

Drawing from the rich, diverse musical heritage of the church, the Emmanuel Choir leads our 10.00 a.m. Sunday worship service, as well as other special services throughout the year.

We are also a family, striving to create a community worthy of the name "Christian."
We are a part of each other's lives,
sharing joys and concerns,
praying for and supporting one another.

**WE HAVE A PLACE
FOR YOU!**

Membership in the Emmanuel Choir is open to everyone, 9 years young and older!
No prior experience is necessary.





The Enmanuel Episcopal Choristers

INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND DINNER FOR
PROSPECTIVE SINGERS AND THEIR PARENTS

Sunday, 2 December, 2018

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at the home of David, Gretchen & Lilian Lamarche

Call the church music office for details

Gather and Grow Cell

The Gather and Grow Cell has had a busy year with many fun events and celebrations to plan. Our events varied from the Chili Cook-Off, to the Bishop's Reception for confirmation, affirmation, and reception candidates from across the Diocese, to the "senior social", to Welcoming Sunday's for new faces, to coffee hours, to Father Greg's Farewell party, and now heading into Advent Angels.

As you have read in your bulletin insert, Advent Angels will begin with the week

of Sunday, December 2nd, followed by December 9th, December 16th, and December 23rd. This is a way for Emmanuel members to brighten the anticipated Christmas season (Advent) for someone who is struggling a little at this time. Illness, loss, loneliness, or some other difficult situations are all examples of people who could be remembered. If you have an idea of someone in need, even if it is after December 2nd, please let us know. It does not have to be an Emmanuel member. Also, if you would like to participate by being an angel, please let us know as well.



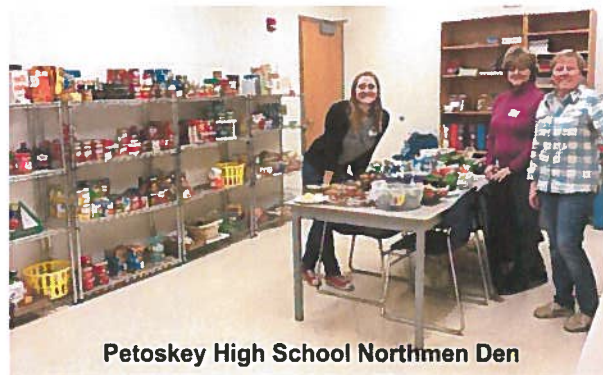
As for upcoming events, we are always looking for new ideas to implement and would love suggestions. (A special thanks to Kay Farrimond and Nancy Turner for suggesting the Andre' Soiree's this fall. They were very well attended and helpful for Andre' to feel a part of his new home.) We are so fortunate to have such an active and vibrant parish, as so many parishes are struggling. We certainly should count our blessings and enjoy all of our fellowship opportunities. Continue to give us your great ideas!

We wish you well and hope you have a blessed Christmas season.

Wendy Price, chair 838-3625

Northmen Dens & Harbor Hut News

Each Friday when our 3 Youth Pantries are open there are around 55 middle school children (ages 10-13) shopping; approximately 15 high school students (ages 14-18) shopping which totals 70 children. Each child on the average receives \$13.68 worth of food, toiletries, school supplies and clothing. Our Angels dressed as Volunteers shop at Manna and Walmart buying around \$950.00 worth of supplies each week.



Petoskey High School Northmen Den

We are blessed to have such a caring parish who have embraced this ministry and these children by their time, treasures and talents. In the past two months our parish members have donated \$3,500 directly to the Northmen Dens/Harbor Hut Youth Pantry Ministry.

We have received approval from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation of our grant request in the amount of \$8,000 for the purpose of "nourishing middle and high students in need". They are proud and value the opportunity to partner with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in our quest to improve

and enrich our most vulnerable children in Petoskey and Harbor Springs. The grant support was from the following:

Fund for the Community \$2,500; Ted and Brenda Frey Donor Advised Fund \$1,000; Byers Family Charitable Fund \$500; Tom and Susie Carruthers Fund \$500; Circuit Controls Corporation Charitable Fund \$1,000 and Erickson Family Fund \$2,500.

Our volunteers thank you as well as the children. Colleen Pattullo sent us an email from a mother of one of our middle school students. She and her husband are not only struggling with lack of financial resources but also that she is fighting cancer and has not been able to work for over a month due to chemo.

"Colleen, Thank you once again! Things are tough this year, groceries are limited but bills are almost paid up. What my son gets to bring home on Friday helps out! You guys are awesome! Thank you!"

Emmanuel, we are doing God's Work. Bless you.

Kathy Petersen

PASTORAL CARE

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

The Pastoral Care Cell would like to thank all our parish knitter's that have so prayerfully and joyfully created the beautiful Prayer shawls and scarfs that have brought so much comfort to those in need. They may be behind the scenes, but the click of their needles rings out far and wide. Thank you all!



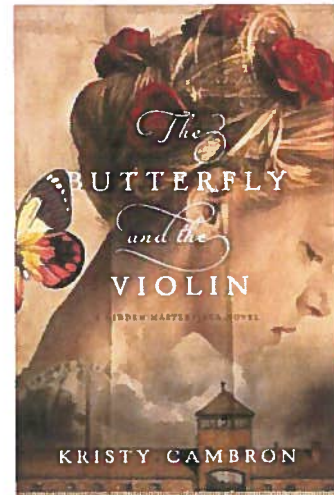
We are looking forward to creating Emmanuel rosary beads and reaching out to our Youth to share our story of helping others. Next year looks to be very full.

Pastoral Care is 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 231.34

NEWS FROM EMMANUEL'S BOOK

Author Kristy Cambron weaves together two intriguing stories in our latest pick: one set during World War II in Auschwitz, and the other set in present day. The past and the present intersect; revealing profound truths of how there is beauty to be found in the darkest moments of our lives and reasons to trust God, even when it seems wiser to abandon hope. Cambron's characters and plot of this read will feed your appreciation of historical fiction.



Join us for our discussion on Monday December 10th at 7pm in the Lottie Peterson Room at Emmanuel. Please consider joining us, even if you find you don't have time to read the book during this busy season!

For more information, contact Nancy Turner at taketurns1106@gmail.com

Weddings at Emmanuel 2018

Members of the Wedding Committee are dedicated to opening our doors to Christian couples who desire to get married in Northern Michigan. Last summer six couples enjoyed Emmanuel's beautiful grounds and building for their special wedding day. The \$5000 income generated from the rental fees our couples paid are put toward operational expenses of the church. Karel Howse, Vestry Member and Leader of Garden and Grounds, Sandy Selden, Senior Warden, Sarah Mosser, Emmanuel's Wedding Coordinator, Leah Cell, Office Manager and Joyce Riordan, Vestry Member and Committee Leader, make up the team. Would you like to join us? Two to three times per year we meet so it's not a big time commitment yet we need new ideas of how to promote our church to couples needing a place to have a Christian ceremony and assure that our couples have the best experience possible on their special day. Please call or email Leah Cell should you like to help.

Did you know that couples do not need to be a member to rent Emmanuel for their wedding ceremony? However, all couples must submit an application and approval of the rector is required prior to any bookings. The good news is that Emmanuel and those of the Episcopal faith are given special discounted rates.



Joyce Riordan

Liturgy and Worship News

Our Liturgy and Worship Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room at Emmanuel.

We are working to plan liturgical events that compliment and showcase the Liturgical Season and to help with the smooth flow of any and every service. These thoughts are not inclusive or exclusive.

Those on our Committee are Lynn Duse, Karel Howse, Ernie Mainland, Bill Nicholson, Sandy Selden, Andre Strydom, Tim Tippett, and all that would like to come.



BEYOND OUR WALLS - DECEMBER 2018

November was our month for reflecting on the disbursement of the Charles B. Wood Family disbursement from Emmanuel Episcopal Church and the Beyond Our Walls Cell. A formal presentation was made to the parish in the form of the Sermon on October 21, 2018, by BOW Cell members describing each of the thirteen (13) organizations who were selected to receive the monetary awards. A "heart"-felt display of these organizations is on the bulletin board in the entry way. The \$56,400 dollars went a long way AMAZING! We have received a number of thank you's from the recipients. These are posted on the "Thank You" bulletin board. Take time to read them!

Our holiday giving for 2018 will be directed toward families in the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Look for more information on this in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.

We encourage you all to read Bishop Whyne Hougland's letter on Reconciliation. It makes us realize why we as Episcopalians can make a difference in our war torn nation and nations around the world. At this time of year we have so much to be thankful for. Be willing to share some of your gifts with those less fortunate than we are. Support our Northmen Den and Harbor Hut. Let this season be full of "**loving on**".



Dottie Hawthorne, BOW Cell Chair

DECEMBER 2018

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

December 2: Joe Blachy and Franz & Joan Neubrecht
December 9: Youth Sunday - Youth Group
December 16: TBD
December 23: Bruce & Nancy Turner
December 30: TBD

BIRTHDAYS:

Dec. 2	Carol Coursey	Dec. 3	Michael Sears
Dec. 4	Joseph Sproles	Dec. 5	Tom Smith
Dec. 6	Kay Farrimond	Dec. 6	John Selden
Dec. 6	Jan Toporek	Dec. 8	David Price
Dec. 8	Taya Price-Thatcher	Dec. 9	Patricia Grannis
Dec. 9	Laura Hall	Dec. 10	Lois Kircher
Dec. 10	Sarah Mosser	Dec. 11	Kristin Lufkin
Dec. 13	Jan Smith	Dec. 13	Pattie Utter
Dec. 14	Anna DeCamp	Dec. 14	David McBride
Dec. 16	Wendy Armstrong	Dec. 18	Katherine King
Dec. 24	Bob Hannah	Dec. 24	Joan Holec
Dec. 24	William Nicholson	Dec. 25	Margo Todd
Dec. 26	Pamela Carpenter	Dec. 27	Karel Howse
Dec. 27	Bridget Seagren	Dec. 28	Thomas Keller



CELEBRATE!!

ANNIVERSARIES:

December 2nd: Kent and Christina Cartwright
December 4th: Samuel and Alison DeCamp
December 6th: Guy and Nina Wagar
December 18th: John and Jan Smith
December 20th: Ben and Carla Crockett
December 22nd: Robert and Denise Sheperd
December 26th: James and Susanne Hempstead
December 28th: Joseph and Charlene Sproles
December 30th: Andrew and Mary Jo Keller



Merry Christmas

DECEMBER 2018

<u>Dec 2</u>	<u>Dec 9</u> <u>YOUTH</u> <u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>Dec 16</u>	<u>Dec 23</u>	<u>Dec 24 &</u> <u>Dec 25</u>	<u>Dec 30</u>
RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland / Kathryn Audia	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland	Christmas Day 12/25/2018 11:00 A.M. Ernie Mainland	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse
RITE II Service: LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Dottie Hawthorne	RITE II Service: LEMs: Joseph Farley [Tim Tippett]	RITE II Service: LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Maryln Graham	RITE II Service: LEMs: Maryln Graham - 1st Tom Hord	CHRISTMAS EVE 12/24/2018 LEMS: 4:30 p.m. Sharyn Olliffe TBD 10:00 p.m. Ernie Mainland - 1st Maryln Graham	RITE II Service: Tim Tippett LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Sharyn Olliffe
POPs: Maryln Graham	POPs: TBD	POPs: Sharyn Olliffe	POPs: Sharyn Olliffe	POPs: 4:30 p.m. TBD 10:00 p.m.	POPs: Tim Tippett

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LECTORS: Nancy Turner	LECTORS: Jack Frentz Juliana Liebler	LECTORS: Carolyn Penniman	LECTORS: Denise Evans	LECTORS: 4:30 p.m. DJ Jones 10:00 p.m. TBD	LECTORS: Daphne Weston
ACOLYTEs: Josephine Cabana	ACOLYTEs: Griffin Frentz Taya Price-Thatcher - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Caroline Farley Thomas Farley	ACOLYTEs: 4:30 p.m. Taya Price- Thatcher Crucifer Avery Sears 10:00 p.m. Josephine Cabana	ACOLYTEs: Taya Price- Thatcher - Crucifer
USHERs & GREETERs: Bill & Ginny King	GREETERs: Suzy Carpenter Parker Price-Thatcher USHERs: Maylee Liebler, Graham Wong Jackson Wong	USHERs & GREETERs: Sarah Mosser, Joan Neubrecht	USHERs & GREETERs: Ashley Price, Wendy Price	USHERs & GREETERs: 4:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	USHERs & GREETERs: TBD
CHURCH OPENERs: Bruce Turner	CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENERs: DJ Jones	CHURCH OPENERs: 4:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse
ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse Bob Howse	ALTAR GUILD: TBD - Katy Armstrong [Patti Grannis Balky Grannis]	ALTAR GUILD: Christina Cartwright Maryln Graham	ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse Bob Howse	ALTAR GUILD: 4:30 p.m. TBD 10:00 p.m. TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD
COFFEE HOUR: J Blachy F Neubrecht J Neubrecht	COFFEE HOUR: Youth Group	COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: Bruce & Nancy Turner	COFFEE HOUR: N/A	COFFEE HOUR: TBD
VPOW: Nina Wagar	VPOW: [Joyce Riordan]	VPOW: Karel Howse	VPOW: Gretchen Lamarche	VPOW: 4:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	VPOW: Sandy Selden
PLATE COORDINATOR: Sandy Selden	PLATE COORDINATOR: [A/S Spence]	PLATE COORDINATOR: David Farley	PLATE COORDINATOR: TBD	PLATE Coordinator: 4:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	PLATE Coordinator: A/S Spence



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