



Fr. Greg's Pastoral Letter for the Harbinger - August 2017

Right now our town is full of people. The most people I can ever remember since I've lived here. And it drives me crazy. I live here and I have to share MY town with a bunch of people who are transient. (Harumph!)

Then it hits me. All of these people are searching for something. Something that I have already found here. It's why I live here, in fact. And they want it, too. (Hmmm...) While they are searching, I have already found.

So what are they searching for, I wonder?

My soul knows, but perhaps my mind does not. My heart knows what it has found.

Truth is, we're all searching. And they have chosen Little Traverse Bay because: In an ad that they saw or a person that they have talked to; they sensed that that person or ad knew something that they did not. In the photo, in the description, or in the eye or voice of the person that referred our communities, there was a hint of something that they did not yet have, yet wanted. The pearl of great price, perhaps?

And some of them come to Emmanuel in their search. Will they find what they are searching for, here? And do we help them? Or are WE it? Does their heart know? Does their soul?

It's hard to tell. But all I know is that I have found it. (But don't ask me what "it" is...on good days I could venture a guess, but most days it remains beyond description.)

Truth is, we're ALL transient. This isn't where we end, but it IS a great place to launch to get to that

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end...wherever THAT may be.

Truth is, all of our bayside communities are beautiful, and offer something to the searching soul.

Our faith community, Emmanuel, is different, beautiful, and offers something to the searching soul.

We are all of us pilgrims. I don't care if you took your first breath here and have lived here forever or just showed up this very moment. Where we live...It is not "home". If you have just found this place, it is not "home". "Home" is somewhere else, and the VERY BEST of THIS PLACE points to THAT place. And we're all searching.

"The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Pray the Lord of the Harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest." I challenge myself to be, and you to be, aware that every person that you meet in our brief summer season is searching for something. Something that they believe that they might best find in our Up North community.

I rise to the challenge of being part of what they are looking for: The presence of, or a glimpse of God up here in this, God's Country.

It is glorious to see so many persons searching for what I have already found. Even if I cannot describe it with words. My soul knows. My heart knows. Now all that remains is for my soul and my heart to be open to their soul and their heart... that we may find each other and help each other along on our independent and yet connected spiritual journeys.

And I'm glad that our town is so full of people. It helps to know that I am not searching alone.

Enjoy our Communities, and the part you play in them.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Greg

Fr. Greg's Announcements for the Harbinger

VBS was a huge success for Emmanuel, and for those that attended! THANK YOU for bringing your children to spend time in a fun community worshipping and learning about God!

We will be having a Service of Remembrance for our Deceased Companion Animals BETWEEN SERVICES on Sunday, August 27 at 9:15 a.m. So if you would like to participate in the liturgy, or scatter the ashes of your pet in our Pet Memorial Garden on that day, please come! We will have a light coffee hour with refreshments between services on that day, in addition to the usual coffee after. Everyone is welcome, and you may remember your pet long deceased during that service on that day.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

AUGUST 2017

Greetings and Blessings to all.

I can't believe the summer is flying by so fast.

Music at Emmanuel has been just great these past two months. The Boy Choir was Fantastic!!! The Bach to Broadway concert was a success. All who attended had a great time, especially with the added guest surprises.

What's next? Well, our Jazz on the Green on Sunday, September 17th from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Where? On the front lawn. A wonderful Jazz Trio will entertain us with the cool sounds of Jazz to close out the summer. Bring a blanket, chairs, food and drink, then settle down for a relaxing way to spend the afternoon.

Then on Friday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m. we will show the 1925 Silent Movie, "The Phantom of the Opera," starring Lon Chaney. Come and see where the Phantom saga all began. With original score composed and performed by Brian Bogdanowitz, on the mighty pipe organ.

And it's also that time of year when I put out the call for choir members. We need you in the choir....GOD needs you in the choir. If you would like to stop by and check

us out, feel free to come by on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 7 to 9 p.m. in the choir rehearsal room. The choir sings at the 10 a.m. service every Sunday.

Do you have to be at every rehearsal? No. Do you have to attend every Sunday service? No. But it would be nice if you did! I know it's hard with schedules these days, but if you're interested, lend us and God your voice of Praise. The choir season will run from Sept. to Christmas.

Also the Youth Choir will be starting that same week in Sept. The day and time is up for discussion, depending on what's good for the families. Contact me and we all can agree on a time that would be convenient for everyone. The Youth Choir will sing at the 10 a.m. service once a month. Rehearsals will be once a week, for about an hour.



August, 2017 Vestry Report

At Seldens' house, we got a new roof this year. It is absolutely flat, invisible from ground level and we have not really looked at it up close. We only know that it is there because the leaks have stopped. Our chimney no longer has a water feature!

At God's house (otherwise known as Emmanuel) we have some new tuck-pointing this year. Keith the stonemason has been power washing Emmanuel's façade and carefully putting new grout between stones, to enhance and improve our beautiful building. It's subtle, but if you look you will see the difference.



Inside the house, your vestry has collected information from each of Emmanuel's cell groups so that we can see

what they do, and how they do it. Joyce Riordan has compiled all of the cell group surveys and vestry will soon hold an additional meeting to consider what we've learned and where it takes us. It's not flashy, but your vestry is working. We're tuck-pointing our core organization.

Many of you have been concerned that Emmanuel's undercroft is not looking as attractive as one might wish. This has not escaped the attention of your vestry members! Facilities Management leaders are working on the undercroft situation and change is afoot. You just can't see it yet!

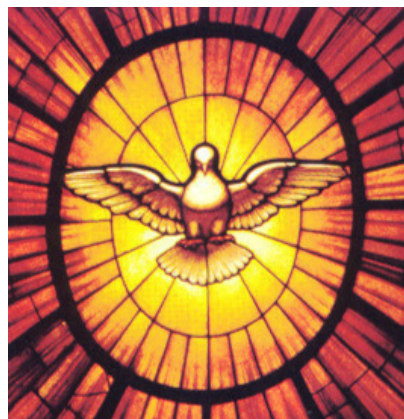
~ Sandy P Selden, Senior Warden

Lectio Divina in August
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
Emmanuel Episcopal Chapel

Lectio Divina simply means: Divine Reading. Each Wednesday in August we will meet at 5:30 pm. We will listen as one person reads a scripture for the upcoming Sunday. After listening to the reading four times, we will rest in silence to listen for God's Word speaking to us. Afterwards, we may share a word or phrase or we may choose to just listen to how the Spirit is working in others. We will conclude no later than 6:30 pm.

This is an opportunity to refresh and re-center on God. No need to commit to all the sessions. Come when you can. If two or more are gathered, that is more than enough.

Hope to see you in August



SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

COFFEE HOUR:

August 6: DJ & T Jones (upstairs)
August 13: The Turners (outside weather permitting)
August 20: TBD
August 27: TBD

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/01 - Thomas Hord	8/02 - Daphne Weston
8/07 - Ellis Hagan	8/10 - Thomas Farley
8/10 - Jackson Wong	8/11 - Susan Spence
8/12 - Mary Jane Knaff	8/13 - Jim Epps
8/13 - Robert Bleyaert	8/16 - Marsha Harrison
8/18 - Shirley Pinson	8/19 - Susan Bleyaert
8/19 - Cameron Koch	8/20 - Elizabeth Need
8/20 - Steven Selden	8/21 - Helen Lambert
8/22 - Elizabeth Doornbos	
8/24 - Michael Atchison	8/25 - Valerie Vinci Ash
8/25 - Fiona Scott	8/26 - Kevin Cell
8/27 - David Corteville	8/27 - Jay Emmendorfer
8/28 - Emma Makela	8/30 - Carol Tippet
8/31 - William Chatterson	



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

1ST: George & Valerie Vinci Ash
1ST: Jim & Phyllis Epps
4TH: David & Wendy Price
5TH: William & Louise Graham
5TH: Nicholas & Lauren Liebler
8TH: David (DJ) & Patricia (T) Jones
14TH: Michael & Mindy Sears
15TH: David & Gretchen LaMarche
15TH: Franz & Joan Neubrecht
17TH: Christian & Amy Janssens

18TH: Glenn & Moon Seagren
 19TH: Nate & Stephanie Asiala Gross
 25TH: Doug & Carol Coursey
 25TH: Robert & Pattie Utter
 26TH: James Chattaway & Bess Bleyaert

AUGUST 2017

<u>AUGUST 6</u>	<u>AUGUST 13</u>	<u>AUGUST 20</u>	<u>AUGUST 27</u>
LEM: MaryIn Graham, Tom Hord	LEM: Dottie Hawthorne, Richard Kelbaugh	LEM: Julie Eckhardt, Tom Hord	LEM: MaryIn Graham, Ann Warfield
POP: Ann Warfield	POP: Julie Eckhardt	POP: Ann Warfield	POP: Richard Kelbaugh Kathy Hand
ACOLYTES: Caroline Farley, Katie Farley, Thomas Farley	ACOLYTES: Josephine Cabana, Joe Farley	ACOLYTES: Van Atchison - Crucifer (Mike Atchison) David Sheperd	ACOLYTES: David Sheperd
LECTOR: Sarah Mosser	LECTOR: Mary Wieter-Hord	LECTOR: Mary Kreid	LECTOR: Ann Warfield
CHURCH OPENER: TBD	CHURCH OPENER: Jeremy Rakoniewski	CHURCH OPENER: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENER: Bruce Koch
USHERS & GREETERS: Bill & Ginny King VaLaura Nibbelink	USHERS & GREETERS: Bruce & Connie Booth	USHERS & GREETERS: Joan Neubrecht, Sarah Mosser	USHERS & GREETERS: Ashley Price, Wendy Price
COFFEE HOUR: DJ & T Jones (Upstairs)	COFFEE HOUR: Bruce & Nancy Turner (outside- weather permitting)	COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: TBD
VPOW: Karel Howse	VPOW: Gretchen LaMarche	VPOW: Sandy Selden	VPOW: Frank Hawthorne
PLATE COORDIN. TBD	PLATE COORDIN. Ben Ernsberger	PLATE COORDIN. Franz Neubrecht	PLATE COORDIN. Ben Ernsberger
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Emmanuel Episcopal Church Calendar

AUGUST 2017

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