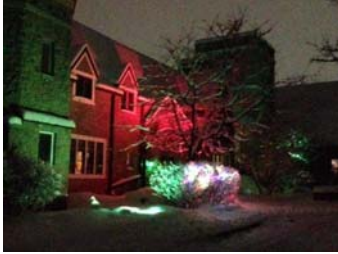


Emmanuel Episcopal Church

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**Winter at Emmanuel
Episcopal Church**

*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.*

From Sandy P. Selden, Senior Warden

A few of you may have missed Emmanuel's 130th Annual Meeting which was held on an icy Sunday in beautiful northern Michigan last week. I have been asked to share one exciting report, and it is as follows:

"We've had a wonderful thing happen to Emmanuel recently and Father Greg has given me the honor of sharing this story with you today. It is the story of a gift.



Emmanuel has become the beneficiary of a bequest. A man named Charles Wood attended Emmanuel at some point during the 1960's. He was from Illinois and, perhaps, a summer visitor to our area. He must have thought this church was rather special because he named Emmanuel in his will.

Charles Wood died in 1968, survived by his wife, Amy, and daughter, Mary Wood. Amy lived until 1981. her sole survivor, Mary, passed away in 2015, leaving her father's testamentary trust virtually unchanged. The trust specified that remaining assets, including farmlands near Peoria, Illinois, be sold and proceeds distributed to beneficiaries in percentages specified by the Charles Wood Trust. This has taken several years.

We heard from the Trust's legal counsel recently, and on December 27 Emmanuel Episcopal Church received a check for ten percent of Charles B. Wood's estate. That check amounted to \$565,000.00.

Our Finance Cell met to discuss what should be done with this gift. Finance advised vestry. Your vestry met in a special session and prayerfully considered this wonderful windfall, perhaps better labelled a Godsend.

What we've decided to do with this amazing gift is this: The Bequest will be used in three ways. First, as a tithe of \$56,500. to Outreach.

Secondly, \$100,000. will be used towards deferred maintenance of our church and for a makeover of the undercroft.

Part three: \$408,000. has been placed with Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation as the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Bequest Fund.

At the Community Foundation, the bulk of this gift will generate yearly income which we will use to maintain this building, or for ministries which we can not quite yet imagine, ensuring that our faith and traditions continue well into the future."

We all can look forward to an exciting year in 2018 at Emmanuel! Thank you for your support and service, and blessings to you in the new year!

Sandy

Fr. Greg's Pastoral Letter for February



Dear Emmanuel:

YOUR talents, and YOUR time have value.

INCREDIBLE value. You know this. That's why you often find it so hard to wait.

We want to give you full credit for the way you share your time and offer your talents to the church and the world. We're banking that you will. Yes, BANKING. For 2018 we have trimmed our Outreach budget hugely. It hurt when we did it and we knew full well that it would demand some sort of parish-wide movement to fill that gap.

So we replaced it. We replaced dollars with people. We are filling that gap with YOU. Hence the "green cards" available in church. We want you to document how you offer your time and talents to the spreading of the gospel. Take a card, identify some of your talents, share those talents with the church and world, fill in the card, and drop it in the offering basket on Sunday...and then take another card. All those hours will add up.

There are lots of groups in church that would like to help you fill those cards out... Altar Guild and Lay Eucharistic Ministers for a start. You could spend some joining a cell group. You could work at Manna, or Habitat, or go to Rotary or Kiwanis or Lions or Zonta. You could go on a mission trip to Cuba. You could do community work, or help your neighbors. You could visit a shut-in, or send a card to someone missing from church.. You have lots of talents; and there are lots of ways to spend them.

Add them up.

They will be tabulated each month and that number will be shared. It will be awesome.

My Big Huge Audacious Goal for 2018 is for Emmanuel to accumulate 10,000 hours serving our church and community. When we hit that number, we will have party. A Big Huge Audacious Party. And we will celebrate exactly how many ways we have opened and shared our hearts with our community.

It will be awesome. (Like everything is when you're part of a team!)

Grab a card, and let's go.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Greg

Fr. Greg's February Announcements

Pledge Cards: can STILL be turned in on the altar or placed in the offering basket at the time of the Offertory between now and forever.

Confirmation Classes have begun, and NO, it's not too late to join! The Bishop will be joining us at Emmanuel on Saturday, May 19 to lay on hands for Confirmation, Re-affirmation, and Reception of persons officially into the Episcopal Church. It takes classes to prep you for this, and they are offered each Sunday after the late service. Join us!

Lenten Tuesday Movie Series begins on February 20 and runs through March 20. Each evening at 5:30 pm.

Dinner is provided! Here's the lineup:

Feb 20: Multiplicity

Feb 27: Chariots of Fire

March 6: What About Bob?

March 13: Waking Ned Devine

March 20: Life is Beautiful

Ukrainian Egg Dying, or Pysanky, will be offered as a Lenten discipline for everyone of all ages! All supplies will be provided. We will meet each **WEDNESDAY at 3:30 p.m. from Feb 21 to March 14** to do these. The only skill required is to be able to hold an egg without breaking it. Parents are welcome to help small children experience success at this, although most experience it anyway! Nota bene: it involves candle flames and tissue paper... an interesting combination for small children. Yes, we're always careful... but even so... ask the Jones Girls.

We plan on offering **Stations of the Cross EACH FRIDAY of Lent at 5:30 p.m.** and then will go to St. Francis for a fish dinner afterwards.

Wednesday Bible Studies will move to 5:00 p.m. for the Wednesdays of Lent to accommodate Pysanky (see above).

We will have **ONE SERVICE on PALM SUNDAY at 10:00 a.m.** Why? That is the day that we usually change back to an 8:00 a.m. early service, AND that is the day that the clock will change back for Daylight Savings Time; So instead of stealing 1.5 hours from the early service attendees, Fr. Greg is giving them a half hour to sleep in! Isn't he awesome!

Mondays at Nativity, Boyne City. Out of town for the weekend and didn't make it to church? Well, SOME weekends you get a last chance! During the school year, Fr. Greg celebrates Holy Communion at Nativity about once a month on a Monday at 5:30 p.m. The service is always followed by a potluck dinner, which is always delicious. So come join us, and bring a dish to pass if you'd like to add to the variety! Upcoming Mondays include Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr 9, & May 7.

A word on the budget for EEC, 2018

In mid-December the vestry put together a balanced budget for 2018, with income and expenses both equal to \$347,500.



Income total is comprised of pledges, \$293,000., Plate income of \$16,000., Community Fund Allocation of \$22,000., Wedding income of 5,500., Flower and music donations of \$5,500. and a \$5,000. Fund-raiser.
INCOME \$347,500.

Expenses include \$231,000. in salaries and benefits to staff, \$14,600. for utilities, \$33,000. for building maintenance, \$43,250. Our Diocesan pledge, and \$5,500. Donations for music and flowers. Total in this category: \$327,350.

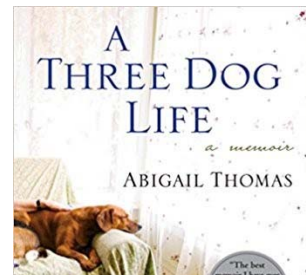
Plus Parish Ministries, cell group budgets, \$21, 150.
TOTAL EXPENSES \$347,500.

This is the budget based on pledges received in 2017. The vestry seriously considered our finances, and prayerfully committed to a balanced budget. If more pledges come in for the new year there will be revisions.

Sandy Selden

February Book Club **February 12, 2018**

Our pick for February's read is *A Three Dog Life* by Abigail Thomas. This non-fiction memoir is not about



dogs, but about Abigail's journey of building a new life after her husband Richard is hit by a car. He lives, but Abigail is faced with a new normal. Their three dogs help her build a new life which includes a husband who lives in the eternal present and the eerie poetry of his often uncanny perceptions. Please join us Monday, February 12 at 7pm. Pattie Utter will be hosting, and we will be meeting at Emmanuel in the Lottie Peterson room. For more information contact Nancy Turner at taketurns1106@gmail.com



Good wishes and blessings to all.

Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the first day of Lent. And in just six more weeks it's Easter. Wasn't it just Christmas a few weeks ago? A lot of good music is planned for the season of Lent and Easter.

During Lent, after the communion hymn the congregation will join in singing short Taize pieces pertaining to Lent. The music fosters a sense of meditation and well being as the mantra is repeated. The youth choir will also offer an anthem during Lent and the Sunday after Easter. I will also offer a few pieces on the piano during Lent that reflects the Lenten theme.

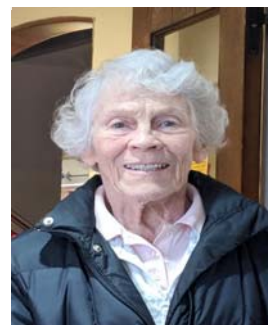
During Lent, the organ will be more "subdued" in its tone; service music will be played on the piano. The organs majestic sounds will be reserved for Easter Sunday when a brass quintet will join in the praise of our risen Christ.

I will write more on Easter Sunday music next month.

Brian.

Meet The Elders

Marilyn was born in Flint, Michigan in 1933. She was one of 4 children. She graduated from Old Flint Tech High School in 1952. In 1954 she married Charles Ray Thompson and was married for 48 years. They have two children, Charles Brad and Kim D. During her working years, Marilyn was employed as a secretary at Citizens Bank in Flint. Her current hobbies are reading, and watching the Detroit Red Wings and the



MARILYN
THOMPSON

Detroit Lions. Some of her favorite travels were her many ski trips to Aspen, Vermont, and Canada.



**GORDON &
CHARLENE MERRITT**

Charlene was born in Flint, Michigan on October 4, 1934 and was an only child. She graduated high school in 1952 from Flint - St. Matthews. She later received her Bachelor's in Education from the University of Michigan. She and Gordon were married on June 30, 1956 and have been married for 61 years. They have three children, Gordon, Jr., Julia, and Lisa. During her working years, Charlene was a teacher as well as working in real estate.

Her hobbies and interests are playing the piano, needlework and ceramics. She has traveled to many places throughout the United States and the world. On a special note, Charlene says that she has enjoyed being married to Gordon and raising their three wonderful children and feels she benefited greatly from two loving parents.

Gordon was born in Detroit on April 2, 1933. He was raised with two other siblings. Graduating from Redford High School in Detroit in 1951, he went on to the University of Michigan where he graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture and then became a captain in the United States Air Force. He ran his own firm for 32 years, and served as an architect for over 200 church and library projects all over Michigan. Gordon loved all outdoor sports in his younger years and currently loves fishing and watercolor painting. As did Charlene, Gordon traveled to various countries all over the world. An interesting note he would like to share is that he met Charlene at the University of Michigan where they both graduated in June of 1956. He was graduated, married, and commissioned in the US Air Force within one month!

PASTORAL CARE



**"He will give his Angels charge over you"
Psalm 91:11**

Our goal is to provide a ministry of hope and caring so that no member of our

congregation need be alone.

We are ready to visit you at home or in the hospital and support you if you are going through a difficult time and maintain contact if you are unable to attend church due to illness or disability. We support friends and family that are involved in care giving and provide comfort with love and compassion. All contacts are confidential.

If you know of anyone who is suffering that could benefit from the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact Sharyn Olliffe or Leah in the church office. This wonderful ministry has helped over 14 people since it was started in 2017. Knitters are always welcome. The instructions are easy and a weekly knitting circle is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Lottie Peterson Room. Please come and enjoy prayerful knitting and wonderful fellowship.

Please Contact:

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Church Office 231. 347.2350

PRACTICING THE PRESENCE

In his last sermon of 2017, Father Greg encouraged us to make JESUS one of the six people in our lives that we spend the most time with. "How do we do that?" you may be asking yourself!



It will probably be different for each person, but one method may be to read and meditate on the Bible. Perhaps participating in a service project such as feeding or housing other people may be a good opportunity to spend time with the One who tells us that when we do good to others, we do good to Him. Another way to more easily hear the sweet, quiet voice of God more easily is to relax and invite His presence into our lives. The day-to-day grind gets busy for all of us, so even a few minutes of putting aside ALL distractions helps us to understand more of what God's Spirit wants us to know or do.

The Vestry invites everyone who wants to try "Practicing the Presence" to gather in the chapel each Thursday night from 7-8pm. There will always be at least one facilitator, a variety of materials to read or sing, and each session will likely be a little different. Since the goal is to listen, there will not be a great deal of talking. As a community of believers, we look forward to the many ways Jesus will help 'bring up our average' in 2018!

FEBRUARY 2018

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

February 4 Chili Cook-Off
February 11 Wendy Price
February 18 TBD
February 25 TBD

BIRTHDAYS:

February 1	John Blatt	February 2	Dan Armstrong
February 2	Julie Eckhardt	February 6	Alayna Cook
February 6	Mary Kreid	February 7	Kathryn Audia
February 7	David Farley	February 8	Gretchen Lamarche
February 10	Brian Riordan	February 10	George Tippet
February 12	Ashley Price	February 14	Eleanor Jones
February 14	Anne Marie Varga	February 15	Grace Tollas
February 18	Rebecca Hall	February 18	David Penniman
February 19	Lynn Glahn	February 21	Josephine Cabana
February 21	Lorelei Scott	February 24	Mary Driggs
February 24	Phyllis Epps	February 27	Ron Rinker



**ENJOY YOUR
SPECIAL DAY!**

ANNIVERSARIES:

February 12 Richard & Cricket Kelbaugh
February 14 Randy & Denise Evans
February 20 Ashley Price & Wendy Thatcher

FEBRUARY

<u>February 4</u>	<u>February 11</u>	<u>February 18</u>	<u>February 25</u>
RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse/Kathy Audia	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath

LEMes: Frank Hawthorne C Tom Hord 1st	LEMes: Maryln Graham Tom Hord 1st	LEMes: Dottie Hawthorne C Tom Hord 1st	LEMes: Dottie Hawthorne C Maryln Graham 1st
POPs: Maryln Graham	POPs: Tim Tippett	POPs: Frank Hawthorne	POPs: Julie Eckhardt 1st
LECTORS: Steve Selden	LECTORS: Mary Wieter-Hord	LECTORS: Mary Kreid	LECTORS: Nina Wagar
ACOLYTEs: Lillian Lamarche - Crucifer Josephine Cabana	ACOLYTEs: Carolyn Farley Katie Farley Juliana Liebler - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer Avery Sears Josephine Cabana	ACOLYTEs: Suzy Carpenter Joe 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: Jeremy Rakoniewski	CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENERs: Bruce Koch	CHURCH OPENERs: DJ Jones
ALTAR GUILD: Christina Cartwright	ALTAR GUILD: Christina Cartwright	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD
COFFEE HOUR: Chili Cook-Off	COFFEE HOUR: Wendy Price	COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: TBD
VPOW: TBD	VPOW: TBD	VPOW: TBD	VPOW: TBD
PLATE COORDINATOR: Franz Neubrecht	PLATE COORDINATOR: Robert Howse	PLATE COORDINATOR: Sandy Selden	PLATE COORDINATOR: Andy/Susie Spence

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14:

**3:45 pm Maryln Graham
AG - Christina Cartwright**



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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