



Fr. Greg's Pastoral Letter for the Newsletter:
MAY 2017

Greetings, Emmanuel!

Alleulia! He is risen!

You know the drill: Old Testament Lesson, Psalm, New Testament Lesson, (Hymn at 10:00 am), Gospel. This ain't your first rodeo. But it changes for the Easter season. Did you catch it? Only during this time of the church year do we have the option to use ANOTHER New Testament reading in place of the Old Testament reading. Here, we are doing that. And the reading always comes from the Book of Acts.

Why? Simple, really. These are the stories of what the Apostles DID AS A RESULT OF THE RESURRECTION. And this is critically important, for us as practicing Christians. What do we do AS A RESULT of Jesus being raised from the dead? That event changes everything for us. The Hebrew Testaments, in our faith, point to Jesus. The New Testament letters reflect the young community. The ACTS tell how that community got established. How it ran. How the new followers of "The Way" lived out and shared their faith.

It is important for us to keep these examples in front of us, as they were the pioneers of our faith.

Where they blazed a trail, the path became well worn. It was first a path, then a trail, then a road, and eventually became a highway. But in the many centuries since, that highway seems to have become a road again, and in some places simply a trail, in others a path, and in some it is gone all together and we are left again with wilderness.

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That is where OUR Acts become important. How do we conduct ourselves as Christians? What does the story told through Holy Week and Easter play itself out for us in our world today? Because much that surrounds us has reverted to wilderness. Many who claim to follow the same path of the original disciples would be unrecognizable to the disciples in Acts. Not us.

Our call is to act out our faith in authentic ways that point to Jesus. Ways that show how the power of resurrection lays a template for our lives. Sacrificial lives like the disciples first followed, and which we, in our turn, now we carry on.

Now is the time to take a look at YOUR acts, to make sure they reflect what our Church was founded upon. What more of those disciples gave their lives for.

Happy Easter!

The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Greg

Fr. Greg's ANNOUNCEMENTS for May 2017:

Training Leaders for Christ, T.L.C. will be held again this year from July 8-16. Rising freshmen through graduating seniors are welcome to attend. Alumni are encouraged to serve on staff, if they have completed their leadership project. Please see the tract rack or Fr. Greg for an application.

Adult Spiritual Formation

The next: LAST TUESDAY Adult Christian Formation Series:

May 30: Membership! We will meet at Jose's Authentic Mexican restaurant at 5:30 p.m. for snacks and discussion. Bring any questions you have about Emmanuel, The Episcopal Church, or Christianity in General.

June: Discipleship! We will discuss "Pooh and the Philosophers (in which it is shown that all of western Philosophy is merely a preamble to Winnie-the-Pooh)" by John Tyerman Williams

August: "The Original Jesus" by Tom Wright

October: "Is Your Lord Large Enough?" by Peter J. Schakel

December: "Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?" by Brian McLaren.

Let me know if you need a copy of one of the books, and I will order it for you.

Acolyte Training!!!

Our next Acolyte Training event will take place in June. Stay tuned!

Youth Mission Trip and Pilgrimage to France 2018!

We will have our next planning meeting on Monday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at Petoskey United Methodist Church, open to anyone aged 15 and older by June, 2018 and their parents willing to help plan or chaperone on the trip. Plans are forming, so if you want to be a part of this, please see Dan Armstrong.

"SEEKING GOD TOGETHER" **RETREAT**

Mark the date on your calendar for a church retreat at the Augustine Center, Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Your retreat leader will be Reverend Jannel Glennie.

"Seeking God Together"

will discuss:

1. How we get closer to God through prayer and guided meditation;
2. Spending time with God together or alone;
3. A closer look at the Story of Mary and Martha.

If you have any questions, please contact Karel Howse, Kay Farrimond or Sandy Selden.



Vestry News HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC: Our Music Director, Brian Bogdanowitz, presented the idea of coordinating four concerts per year at Emmanuel to share the love of music with our community. The new series will begin July 6 with a concert called "Bach to Broadway", in September we will host "Jazz on the Green", a silent movie and "Phantom of the Opera" in October, and a Christmas SingAlong in December. Brian is initiating a new "Gift of Music" program, asking concertgoers if they'd like to receive email notifications of future concert. Brian has full support of the vestry to pursue this new and exciting music program!

OUTREACH: The success of the Northmen Den has been amazing! A food pantry for Petoskey Middle School students is open on Friday afternoons and staffed by Emmanuel volunteers. Funding for this program comes from Emmanuel's B.O.W. program, the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, Women Who Care (a nonprofit charitable organization) and other donors. The ministry has grown quickly since its inception last fall. Over 40 students now visit the Northmen Den to choose food for their weekend. Vestry has invited Beyond Our Walls leader, Kathy Petersen, to share the story of the Northmen Den at our next vestry meeting, May 15.

PAROCHIAL REPORT: At the end of the year, Fr. Greg, Leah Cell, and vestry members report on the status of Emmanuel's finances and our membership numbers. Fr. Greg reviewed and discussed the 2016 report with vestry.

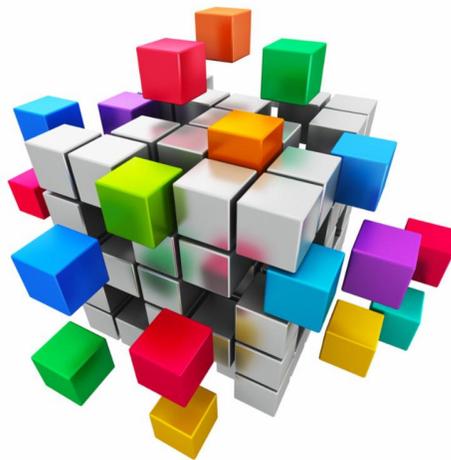
YOUTH GROUPS: An April 18th meeting is scheduled to begin planning a Pilgrimage trip, possibly to France, in 2018. Youth Fund Raisers include but are not limited to: The Thrift Shop Prom, Shrove Tuesday Dinner, and a Car Wash.

VESTRY COVENANT: Fr. Greg presented and the vestry signed a covenant at our April meeting. This document is a commitment to work as a team, respecting ideas that differ from our own, listening well, and supporting the idea of consensus.

WEDDINGS: Thanks to the success of the 2014 God's Work God's House Campaign, our building has become a more desirable site for weddings. Fr. Greg, Joyce Riordan, Leah Cell, Karel Howse, and Wedding Coordinator, Sarah Mosser began a new initiative to promote the availability of our beautiful church to Christian couples for wedding ceremonies. A proposal was presented and approved by the vestry.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Has been newly named. Welcome the Facility Management Cell which will oversee maintenance inside and outside of the church! Junior Warden, Frank Hawthorne and Joyce Riordan are charged with developing and leading this group. To learn how you can help, please contact Frank or Joyce.

Each month brings new and exciting decisions to our vestry's agenda. Detailed information is contained in the minutes of our meetings posted on the church bulletin board near the Sacristy. If you seek even more information, please contact Sandy Selden, Senior Warden.



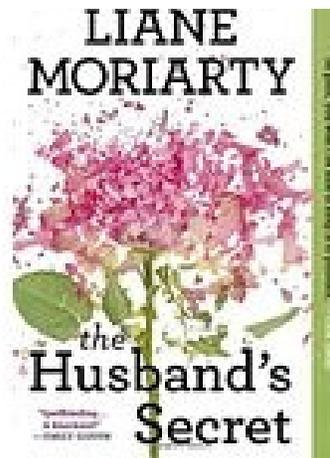
EMMANUEL BOOK GROUP

If you love to
read....you'll love

The #1 New York Times Bestseller
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this book! And if you love to read...

...join Emmanuel's book discussion group on Monday May 22 to discuss Moriarty's "The Husband's Secret." At the heart of this book is a letter that's not meant to be read until Cecilia's husband is dead. And of course it IS read while he's very much alive. One reviewer describes it as a "comedy of manners and one with a serious undertone." Although the title speaks of the husband's secret, almost every character has a secret weaving the fabric of the story.



And as always, if you haven't read the book but just want to join us for discussion, laughs and treats, you are more than welcome!

Please join us Monday May 22nd at the home of Nancy Turner at 7pm. For more information, feel free to email Nancy at taketurns1106@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE CELL NEWS

HAPPY SPRING!!! In conjunction with the Welcome Cell [now the Gather & Grow Cell], Pastoral Care is excited to announce a new fellowship opportunity. A 60 and Over social hour is planned for May 19 from 5-7 pm in the undercroft. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and attendees are asked to bring a beverage they enjoy. Please come and enjoy a fun relaxing evening of friendship and faith.



We are looking for additional members for our Pastoral Care Team to help when a member travels, is ill or not able to serve for another reason. Please call Sharyn at 248.909.5862 if you would like more information or are willing to share your time for the good of others. It is very rewarding.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

May 2017

Greetings and Blessings to all. This summer is going to be an exciting time at Emmanuel. First of all we have the Great Lakes Boy Choir coming to perform on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free to the public. I need your help for this concert event. But first:

Here's the choirboy's schedule:

4:00 p.m. Arrival day: Tuesday, June 27th

5:00 p.m. Dinner at the church.

6:00 p.m. Prepare for concert.

7:30 p.m. Concert.

9:00 p.m. Choirboys change out of uniforms and complete tour jobs.

9:30 p.m. Choirboys depart with their host families.

Departure Day, Wednesday, June 28th.

8:00 a.m. Choirboys arrive at church - Breakfast with host family before arriving. Host family provides bag lunch to travel with.

8:30 a.m. Choirboys depart.

There are 28 boys and 6 adults for a total of 34. Here's what is needed:

1. I need to house a minimum of 2 boys per household. A total of 14 households with 2 boys in each household. There are 6 adults. A total of 3 households. Total host families needed is 17. I will need your name, address, telephone number and e-mail.
2. I also will need people to cook and feed the boys. I'm thinking something easy, like spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad and cookies or cake for desert. To drink, fruit juice in containers or a lemonade mix. Paper plates, plastic forks, napkins, cups. Any other suggestions are welcome. My goal is to keep it simple and effective. Plus, who doesn't like spaghetti?

The host families will need to pick up their assigned boys after the concert. Put them to sleep. Feed them breakfast in the morning and pack each of them a bag lunch to take with them for the road trip to their next venue.

There will be two sign up sheets in the lobby of the church. One for dinner, and one for housing, you may do both if you so desire. If you have any questions, please see me after service.

I am in need of donations for our summer guest musicians program drawn from the local music schools. This is a wonderful experience for the musicians to perform and give back to God the talent He has blessed upon them. Please put on your check, "Summer Music." And we will be sure to put it in the Summer Music Fund. We pay \$75 per student. How much can you give? You can sponsor one or two musicians, or just give any amount to the fund. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

In thanks to our Youth Choir, for giving of their time and talent, we will be taking them to Michigan Adventure this summer. Think about joining in Sept. for next season's choir. The kids have a wonderful time singing and praying together.

Our e-mail list for concerts is growing fast. If you would like an e-mail reminder of future concerts, please fill out the e-mail list card (you can get this from me) with your name and e-mail address and I will add you to the list. This is a great way to be reminded of upcoming concerts at our church. You don't want to miss out on the performances.

The trumpet on the organ is too loud and cannot be used with the ensemble of voices on the organ. This renders it useless. So, the organ builder will be here on Monday, May 22nd to pick up the trumpet, all 72 pipes, and bring them back to the organ shop and "re-voice" them to a much better musical sound quality and volume. It will take about two weeks. Then he will bring them back and install them and tune them. I am very excited about this because the trumpet is a very important sound on the organ and right now it's useless and ties up an entire division of the organ. If you would like to hear the loud trumpet before it leaves for the re-voicing, stop by after service and I'll be happy to blow you away!!!!

On Sunday, June 25th after the 10 a.m. service I am

going to host a "Meet the Pipe Organ" gathering. If you've ever wondered how the organ works, its history, and see all of the stops and buttons on the console, then this is for you. Bring a friend along too. It's a fantastic experience.

And finally, a huge thank you and Blessings go out to all of our musicians that made our worship on Easter, a truly special occasion.



SCHEDULES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

COFFEE HOUR:

May 7: Price-Thatcher
May 14: The Hawthornes
May 21: Bob & Karel Howse
May 28: TBD

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/01 - Hennie Reimer	5/01 - Joseph Fortin
5/03 - Kathy Hart	5/07 - William Cabana
5/10 - Wendy Price	5/12 - Andrew Krzymowski
5/13 - Angela Lasher	5/14 - Gary Street
5/20 - Megan Braendle	5/20 - Leland Kreid
5/20 - Timothy Tippet	5/23 - Christina Cartwright
5/24 - Leah Cell	5/26 - Susan Hannah
5/28 - Taylor Brown	5/29 - Eric Hall
5/30 - Mary Hall	5/31 - Chuck Donnelly



MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

4TH:

William & Ann Chatterson

13TH: Robert & Susan Bleyaert

15TH: Frank & Dottie Hawthorne

16TH: Michael & Kay Farrimond

17TH: Jason & Lorelei Scott

19TH: Ben & Lisa Ernsberger

20TH: George & Carol Tippett

30TH: David & Joy McBride

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<u>MAY 7</u>	<u>MAY 14</u>	<u>MAY 21</u>	<u>MAY 28</u>
LEM: Tom Hord Tim Tippett	LEM: MaryIn Graham Tom Hord	LEM: MaryIn Graham Frank Hawthorne	LEM: Dottie Hawthorne Frank Hawthorne
POP: MaryIn Graham	POP: Julie Eckhardt	POP: TBD	POP: Tim Tippett
ACOLYTES: Annie Jones Ellie Jones Juliana Liebler	ACOLYTES: Josephine Cabana Lillian LaMarche	ACOLYTES: Van Atchison Suzy Carpenter Avery Sears	ACOLYTES: Caroline Farley Kate Farley Joe Farley
LECTOR: Dottie Hawthorne	LECTOR: Denise Evans	LECTOR: Steve Selden	LECTOR: Bruce Turner
CHURCH OPENER: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENER: DJ Jones	CHURCH OPENER: Jeremy Rakoniewski	CHURCH OPENER: Bruce Koch
USHERS & GREETERS: Bill & Ginny King VaLaura Nibbelink	USHERS & GREETERS: Bruce & Connie Booth	USHERS & GREETERS: Joan Neubrecht Nancy Turner	USHERS & GREETERS: Ashley Price Wendy Price
COFFEE HOUR: Price-Thatcher	COFFEE HOUR: The Hawthornes	COFFEE HOUR: Karel & Bob Howse	COFFEE HOUR: TBD

VPOW: Bruce Koch	VPOW: Bill Nicholson	VPOW: Joyce Riordan	VPOW: Sierra Hilt
PLATE COORDINATOR: Franz Neubrecht	PLATE COORDINATOR: Sandy Selden	PLATE COORDINATOR: Bob Howse	PLATE COORDINATOR: F/D Hawthorne
ALTAR GUILD: Bill & Louise Graham	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD

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