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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.*

VESTRY NEWS **OCTOBER 2018**

Transitions!

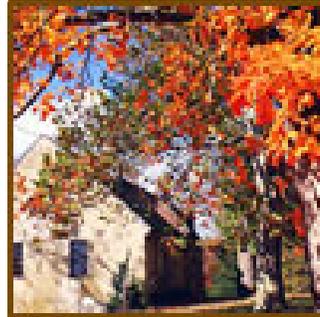
September was a busy month, for the church, for vestry and the cell groups with new beginnings. We had some great Sunday services with our guest priests, Fr. Patrick Finn, the Rev. Nan Peete, and the Very Rev. Tom Scott. We enjoyed beautiful music provided by Mary Agria at Emmanuel's organ.

Ministries came out of summer slumber and went into action. BOW allocated funding, Sunday school teachers met and went to camp, Northmen Den volunteers were back at work, Blessing and Generosity planned our fall ingathering, and made pancakes for us all, the Music Search team completed its work and called a new Director of Music Ministries.

Your vestry is making progress towards calling an Interim Priest. At the September meeting, vestry spent time, prayers and reflection in creating a profile of "what we hope for in an Interim Priest", and came up with a good list. Thanks to Nina Wagar for facilitating this discussion, and thanks to Frank Hawthorne for presiding at the Sept. 17 vestry meeting.

I was away, with Steve, on a week's vacation. We went to Norway to learn how to take photographs of the Aurora Borealis. With a group of eight photographers we hiked rocky slopes, and waded beaches, carrying tripods and camera stuff. We were north of the Arctic Circle. At night we set up tripod and camera and waited in the dark for the green glow and the spectacular sky. What had, during the day, been a fine and photogenic panorama of mountains, beaches, and little red houses vanished in darkness. Our cameras had to be set to catch what we could not see. We learned to set the slow exposure, the open aperture, and wait patiently. That was the hard part.

Blessings and thanks,
Sandy Selden
Senior Warden



REMEMBERING BETTY CARLSON

By Katie MacInnis

There is a catchy vacation Bible tune called "Father Abraham." The chorus goes: "Father Abraham had many sons, many sons had Father Abraham..." And most of us know Abraham was promised to have children so numerous, they would be like the stars



in the sky: uncountable. Betty reminds me of this Bible story. She mentored and loved back to spiritual health people who had no one else to love them. And when she loved us, we became her family, inheritors' who pass on to others this gift she gave.

Her friends thought she gave too much, but she would stay at the hospital, even all night with a sick friend, commenting that if lack of sleep caused her to die a few days early, she was good with that.

She was willing to change her mind. Originally, she thought maybe homosexuality was wrong, but after meeting with many people over the years, she came to believe "that people are born the way they are and who are we to judge them?" This was so important during our church "split" when she would take people out to lunch, people who were thinking of leaving. And though she never tried to change their minds, she would remind them of how important their work here was, and the value they had in our congregation. When she was around people who wanted to argue, she would calmly say: "my faith doesn't allow me to agree with you."

Betty loved the gospels, especially John. Just reading this beautiful, meaningful part of the Bible is to look into one of the many layers of knowing her.

Betty was elegant. She was all the things that are good about that word. She wore a striking white tailored suit with a ministerial collar to visit patients in the hospital. At some level, it was like she knew she could bring the beauty of a well-draped altar, a church with a white marble statue or stained glass windows to the clinically cold environment of the hospital to comfort those who needed it. She smelled like lavender. She used a cloth hanky. She was a grandmother and yet contemporary. She could visit with a bishop and then pray with the tattooed motorcyclist in the ICU. The God she worshipped and loved, also loved everyone else. You could tell her anything and she would help you understand that you too were forgiven and loved.

She and her cat Angel could be found each day at 6 PM having a cocktail together before dinner. She loved (insisted) on having a leg of lamb for holiday occasions. Once, before serving her guests this delicious entre, it slipped off the platter to the kitchen floor. Betty promptly replaced on the platter and forged ahead.

It wasn't a good idea to dare Betty to do something. She would do it! One time she and Howard were having lunch with Walt and Gerry Willy at a Howard Johnson restaurant. She ordered a chocolate shake and when it came, it was so thick the spoon and straw stood straight up. She commented that she probably could turn it upside down and it would stay in the glass.

Walt dared her: and of course she turned it over: it went all over the table and floor.

She had promised Howard before they married, that "life would never be dull" and she kept her word! She loved to decorate for the seasons, going to the trouble to change almost everything in her apartment, even the slip covers on the furniture. It was like going to a really good, intimate museum if you were lucky enough to visit. In her younger years she was moving a day-bed between rooms and got stuck behind it, so much so, she had to wait for Howard to come home from work to help her out.

Sometime after Howard's death, Betty felt called to become a deacon. Once enrolled, she needed to drive to Traverse City each week, returning home late at night after a session, in the winter to her home in the woods with a slippery driveway. Just when others of us want to complain about going out to a night meeting on a winter night, there was Betty, more than two decades older, doing what she knew to be God's work.

Remember? She called us all Honey!

When she spoke to the congregation at the last service before moving to California with her family, she gave a short address. In closing, she quoted her favorite verse from the Gospel of John: "I give you a new

commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Even without words, you could look into her beautiful blue eyes and see the love of God.

It never is time to have our loved ones die. God knows we need more "Betty" in the world! But maybe she is still here, in all of us. Look around you at those you love. If you see love, some of it might have come from her. Maybe she is like the uncountable stars of Abraham. Maybe Betty is still here.

Please join us on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. here at Emmanuel to celebrate the life of the Reverend Betty.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES - ANDRE STRYDOM

On September 15, 2018 our Vestry accepted a call for a Director of Music Ministries. Our search team began our search on July 17, by establishing ten success factors for the position, listing the job on multiple websites, including the Episcopal News Service and the American Guild of Organists. We exposed our position to over five hundred potential candidates, narrowed the field to eleven, telephone interviewed five, and after reference checking, invited one to Petoskey.

Andre joined us for a long weekend at the end of August, that included meeting with our choir in rehearsal,

being interviewed by the search team and vestry, and providing music for the Sunday service. We were all impressed with Andre's pastoral approach to his music ministry, and his warm personality. He was impressed with our congregation and the beauty of Northern Michigan. With the unanimous approval of the choir, the search team, and vestry, we extended an offer, which Andre has accepted!



Andre, our new Director of Music Ministries, was born in South Africa, and answered God's call to become a church musician after six years as a cardiologist. He received a diploma in piano teaching from Trinity College of Music in London, and in 1992, came to the United States to complete a Master's degree in orchestral conducting and organ performance from his studies at University of Cincinnati's Conservatory of Music and the University of Central Arkansas. He has worked as a church musician since 1992, most recently for the First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Andre is in the process of packing up his belongings, his piano, his two pets, and moving to Petoskey. We look forward to his arrival, and the beginning of his music ministry at Emmanuel in mid-October.

Thank you for your prayers and support during this search process,

Nina Wagar and Randy Evans

DON'T MARK YOUR CALENDARS QUITE YET



We are so excited for you to have the chance to meet Emmanuel's new Director of Music Ministries, Andre Strydom. There will be several small gatherings in parishioner's homes and we're hoping you can find one to meet your scheduling needs whether it is an evening dinner, a Sunday brunch or even a late afternoon cocktail hour. At this point, we're not 100% sure of Andre's arrival date, but we're shooting for dates somewhere around mid-October. Watch the bulletin for more details, or if you'd like to host a small group, please contact Nancy Turner at taketurns1106@gmail.com

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Update Information regarding Andre's Soirees:

- There will be a bold and bright sign up poster in the entry way with the dates offered.
- For starters we will ask you to indicate ALL of the dates that would work for you.
- The dates will be between October 10 - October 28, more specifically: Oct. 10, Oct 14 - 20 and October 22 - 28
- There are two ways to sign up. You can sign up on the poster OR email Kay Farrimond with your information. mandkfarrimond@gmail.com
- Please also use that email if you have any questions, not the church office.
- The deadline for signing up is Friday October 5
- After that, groups will be formed and you'll be contacted with further information such as the date and time and what the hostess would like you to bring.
- Remember to indicate ALL of the dates that you are available.
- One other note: Wednesday Oct. 10th's event will be only hors d'oeuvres and Sunday, Oct. 14th will be a brunch.
- Did we mention to indicate ALL of the dates that you are available?

BOW REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018

The BOW Cell met on September 10 with our primary focus on the Wood God Send fund. We met for 2 ½ hours discerning which of our possible items would be in our final grouping for funding. We have selected eleven recipients to receive various amounts from the \$56, 400 outlay that the Vestry allotted to the BOW Cell. The list was shared with the Vestry for their approval on Sept. 17. Once the minutes from the September Vestry meeting have been approved by the Vestry we will share the full list with the parish during an upcoming Sunday service. We focused on the impact that this gift would have to these local, state, national and international organizations.

Upcoming Events:

* **Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis / 9 week program.** Every Wednesday (except on Halloween) at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Soup supper at 5:30pm followed by a discussion from 6:30-7:30 pm led by Dave and Carolyn Penniman as well as other Petoskey Faith Leaders

* **CROP Walk Update** - Ron Rinker reported that the 2018 CROP had been very successful. In total Petoskey/Bayview collected \$24,964. Nationally the Crop Walks collected \$8.3 Million from July 2017 - June 2018. The CROP Walk for 2019 is on Saturday, June 29 at Bayview. An Emmanuel member has anonymously offered to sponsor all Emmanuel walkers like Father Greg Brown did this past year. Anonymous EEC Donor will provide \$10/EEC walker wearing a green shirt at the Petoskey/Bayview Crop Walk in 2019.



- * **Northmen Den meeting for volunteers** was held at Petoskey High School in the new PHS Northmen Den space on September 18
- * **Kay Farrimond** shared a concept that she and Nancy Turner would like us and other parishioners to consider. It is a way for us to share our hospitality with other parishioners by opening our homes to 10-12 individuals on an evening or after church for a potluck. The emphasis is to get us to know individuals we may not meet through our services or coffee hours. Essentially it is a way to keep our parish together until we have an interim and ultimately a new Priest. It also would be a great way to introduce Andre Strydom to his new church family.

Submitted by Dottie Hawthorne

PASTORAL CARE

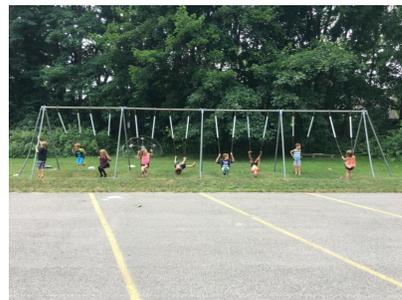
Our purpose is to provide a ministry of hope and caring so that no one in our congregation needs to be alone. Especially, as we look forward to our journey of finding a new priest and continue saying goodbye to Fr. Greg, we need to stay focused on our parish family. We are here if you need to talk about your feelings of loss and HOPE. It is an exciting time in our ministry and full of promise. We now have a new Director of Music Ministries and the Pastoral Care Cell along with the Blessings and Generosity Cell will be hosting a welcome Coffee Hour for Andre on October 21. Mark your calendars.



We are available to provide communion, transportation, deliver meals, and to visit you at home or in the hospital. We offer prayers as well as compassionate listening. Please let us know if you or anyone could benefit from our ministry by calling Sharyn Olliffe 248.909.5862 / or the church office 231.347.2350

YOUTH SPIRITUAL FORMATION CELL OCTOBER NEWS

We are off to a great start this year! September came and went and we are all gearing up for October! The Schedules are as follows:



Worship Center

- 7 - Lesson:
St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals
- 14 - Lesson: Creation
- 21 - Meet the Church (Gardening with Karel Howse) - Wear grubby clothes
- 28 - Art Project with Sandy Selden

Sunday School

- 7 - Lesson: Jesus Blessed Them - Scripture: Mark 10:2-16
- 14 - Lesson: What Does it Take to get into the Kingdom? -
Scripture: Mark 10:17-31
- 21 - Meet the Church (Gardening with Karel Howse) - Wear grubby clothes
- 28 - Art Project with Sandy Selden

Youth Group

- 14 - 4:00-7:00pm: Habitat for Humanity Service Project -
bring \$5 for dinner - meet and pickup at EEC
- 28 - 4:00-6:30pm @ EEC: Family Halloween Party- help with games,
pumpkin carving, etc. for little kids

**FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY - Sunday, October 28, 2018 -
4:00-6:00pm at EEC**

Fun for ALL families! Bring your kids dressed in costume for a fun afternoon of pumpkin carving, games, food, and fellowship!

*** I just wanted to remind you all of some of the nuts and bolts of exactly what we do with the children here at EEC.

Our nursery is here to provide childcare for children ages 0-3. We have Patricia Dovalina returning again as our paid nursery provider.

Worship Center is for children ages 4-1st grade. Most children are 4 when they begin worship center, however we have had some very attentive and verbal 3 yr olds who are able to listen to and engage in an interactive story. Otis Crockett proved this to be true during the first Worship Center lesson of the year on September 16th! Worship Center teachers are Christine Carpenter, Gretchen Lamarche, and Traci Wong.

Sunday School is for children in 2nd - 5th grade. The curriculum for this age group is from the Episcopal Digital Network and is called "Lesson Plans that Work" (<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/lessons/>). Sunday School teachers are Carrie Farley, Nicole Viterbo, and Lauren Liebler.

Middle School Youth Group & High School Youth Group meets twice per month. The meetings are usually held from 4:00-6:30 p.m. on Sunday and include dinner. The Middle School leader is Ashley Price, and the High School leaders are DJ Jones and Dan Armstrong.

Our basic schedule this year for Worship Center and Sunday School aged children will consist of 2 Sundays where children will have a lesson, 1 Sunday will be dedicated to creating an art project with Sandy Selden, and 1 Sunday will be dedicated to "Meet the Church."

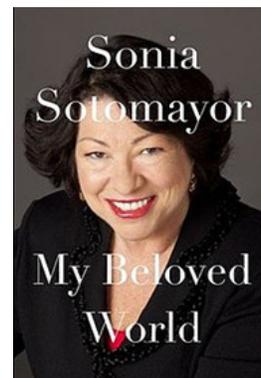
Meet the Church is a new concept where Worship Center and Sunday school will meet together during the 10 o'clock service to work with a cell group Leader/Member and do a project that relates to that cell group (example: gardening, baking communion bread, setting up a mock altar). This will also include some other activities such as a scavenger hunt within the church to get to know the church. This is one way to engage kids with hands on experiences within the church and to keep them active and excited. If you are a member of a cell group and have an idea for one of the Meet the Church Sundays, please contact me. You will have a teacher and or a youth group member assisting you with the kids during this time.

Submitted by: Ashley Price, Leader, Youth Spiritual Formation Cell Group

OCTOBER BOOK CLUB NEWS

Emmanuel's long time running book group will be meeting Monday October 8th at 7pm to discuss "My Beloved World" an autobiography written by Sonia Sotomayor. Sotomayor is the first Hispanic and only the 3rd woman appointed to the US Supreme Court.

Join us Monday October 8th at 7pm at the home of Pattie Utter, out by Nub's Nob. For those who would like to car pool, we will leave the church parking lot at 6:35.

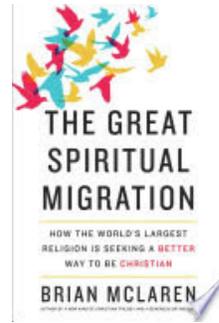


For more information on the meeting or the group, please contact Nancy Turner at taketurns1106@gmail.com

FAITH and FRIENDSHIP BOOK CLUB

The new book club "Faith and Friendship" met on Tuesday, Sept 18th at the home of Bill Nicholson with five people present. They discussed Forrest Church's book *The American Creed*, led by Bill.

The next meeting is Tuesday Oct 9 at 7 pm. Herb Glahn will lead the discussion on *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian*, by Brian D. McLaren. (Available at Amazon in paperback for \$12.31, Kindle \$10.99, or at the library through MelCat)



Future book titles and leaders will be determined as we go. All are welcome, even if you haven't had the chance to read the book. Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Nicholson home at 154 Mishe Mokwa Dr. Call Nancy at 231-373-3900 if you have any questions.

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COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

October 7 TBD
October 14 TBD
October 21 Pastoral Care Cell Group - Welcome Andre
October 28 The Turners

BIRTHDAYS:

Oct. 1	Todd Petersen	Oct. 1	Analisa Selden
Oct. 2	Rusty Carpenter	Oct. 2	Ann Warfield
Oct. 3	Rose Tamraz	Oct. 4	Charlene Merritt
Oct. 4	Joan Neubrecht	Oct. 4	Alexe Sears
Oct. 4	Aurora Sears	Oct. 6	Larry Olliffe
Oct. 12	Raija Gross	Oct. 14	Herbert Glahn
Oct. 18	Cole Janssens	Oct. 18	Quintin Janssens
Oct. 19	Denise Sheperd	Oct. 20	Joy McBride
Oct. 21	James DeCamp	Oct. 21	Kelli Hagan
Oct. 23	Hannah Selden	Oct. 25	Christian Janssens
Oct. 27	Johnny Viterbo	Oct. 29	Susan VanDeventer
Oct. 31	Anne Nicholson		



CELEBRATE!!

ANNIVERSARIES:

October 2nd: Thomas Hord & Mary Wieter-Hord

October 4th: Mark Abraham, Jr. & Alison Abraham

October 9th: Dan & Marlee Brown Musser

October 11th: Philippe Cabana & Mary Catherine Hannah

October 14th: Dan & Wendy Armstrong

October 15th: Ronald & Judy Varga

October 16th: David & Carolyn Penniman



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<u>October 7</u>	<u>October 14</u>	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 28</u>
RITE I Service: Lynn Duse	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland Josephine Cabana	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse
RITE II Service: LEMs: Maryln Graham - 1st Frank Hawthorne	LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Gretchen Lamarche	LEMs: Tim Tippett - 1st Sharyn Olliffe	LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Dottie Hawthorne
POPs: Dottie Hawthorne	POPs: Sharyn Olliffe	POPs: Gretchen Lamarche	POPs: Tim Tippett
LECTORS: Denise Evans	LECTORS: Carolyn Penniman	LECTORS: Daphne Weston	LECTORS: Nina Wagar
ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Josephine Cabana	ACOLYTEs: Juliana Liebler - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Lillian Lamarche - Crucifer
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: Jeremy Rakoniewski	CHURCH OPENERs: Bruce Koch	CHURCH OPENERs: DJ Jones
ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse, Patti & Bally Grannis	ALTAR GUILD: Sarah Mosser	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD
COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: Pastoral Care Cell "Welcome Andre"	COFFEE HOUR: The Turners
VPOW: Joyce Riordan	VPOW: Karel Howse	VPOW: Gretchen Lamarche	VPOW: Frank Hawthorne
PLATE COORDINATOR: Robert Howse	PLATE COORDINATOR: Franz Neubrecht	PLATE COORDINATOR: Sandy Selden	PLATE COORDINATOR: David Farley



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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