



To the memory of
Charles B. Wood

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

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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.***

Fr. Greg's Pastoral Letter for AUGUST 2018

Dear Emmanuel:

What to say NOW?! I have little idea. I wish I could find a way to encapsulate my whole experience with you over these last 13 years in some highly concentrated pastoral letter that was so full of vision and wisdom that it would be quoted in graduation speeches from here to eternity, but I doubt that this is going to happen or that I am even capable of such a feat. So I will simply say "THANK YOU".

Thank you for SO much. For the big things, to be certain. For taking care of my family to the best of your ability: Spiritually, emotionally, physically, medically, financially. For the prayers, thoughtful notes, and gifts both heartfelt and quirky (sometimes at the exact same time). For your bits of wisdom and advice, for your honesty, for your passion in ministry, for your passion in liturgy and willingness to experiment. For your willingness to be lead.

For letting me be ME in my ministry to YOU. I know I can be a bit of an "odd



duck", but you all seemed to roll with it. I know I am not always the easiest person to live with, but you all (usually!) showed more grace than I (usually!) deserved. Thank you for teaching me pastoral care as simple presence... especially Mike Stroup, Fred Nibbelink, Virginia Marquardt, Jim Gillespie, Pat Rinker, Mary Geyer, Jim Braidwood, and Walter Willey. The times with these people have shaped me forever, and it was Emmanuel that shared them with me. Thank you for the Mighty Men, the "Meek Men" (the "Honorary Order of something or other...), the Youth Group Planning Group. Thank you to the clergy support here: Betty Carlson, Bill "Nicholas" Nicholson, Bill Heil, and Paul Pretzlaff... and their families. And YOU, Don Diego Hempstead and Suzanne. Thank you Jannel and Jim, and Ruth, and Mother Matilda!

THANK YOU TO the long list of Senior and Junior Wardens, and all the Vestry members who have served during my tenure. To all the Cell Group and committee members and leaders who have faithfully sought out God's will for what we do both at Emmanuel and Beyond Its Walls. Thank you to all of you who attended church... and responded to my preaching... From Brian Riordan and B.J. Chatterson and The Cross Kids this Easter, to Jerris Makee and Martha Rockwell who brought maracas to my second sermon. Thank you to the Eight-O'Clockers, the Ten O'Clockers, the 1928-ers and the Wednesday Bible Studiers. The Holy Weekers. THANK YOU to all our Choir Members, OSV-ers, Acolytes, LEMs and lectors, Ushers and Greeters. Thank you Church-openers and gardeners! I am thankful for those who responded positively to my preaching, AND to those who were bold enough to respond negatively and to my face. I LOVE your candor... it's something that makes me better... (when it is well-meant). Thank you to those brave enough, crazy enough, or desperate enough to get married here (and endure my premarital guidance). From the Lieblers and Fishers to the Tarquinis and the Price-Thatchers (who still owe me a trip to Mexico). Thank you to those that let me baptize you or your children, and our confirmands!

And to the staff: THANK YOU!!! Leah, I don't even know where to start. Chuck, I wouldn't know where to end. Joe, you continue to be awesome (... and if you aren't too busy... !) Thank you to Chad and Sarah for your tireless efforts to keep our church presentable... especially when she (the building) fought you every step of the way. Thank you Brian for sharing your gifts with us, even for a little while. DP--you are awesome. THANK YOU to Karel and Christina and the Altar Guilds you have guided. You've done fantastic work (...even if you didn't let me use red wine on Christmas Eve; KAREL!) Thank you Bishop Whyne, and Bishop Bob.

And THANK YOU to my family. Girls: you put up with Dad being gone at night and on weekends to a LOT of meetings, but with the bonus of being able to be a chaperone Dad during the school days... a nice trade-off. Cathy, you've taken a lot of the load and have been an outstanding clergy spouse. No one will ever know how hard you have worked to keep Emmanuel moving forward, and at no small personal cost. My appreciation is beyond words.

And thank you to my birth family, to my parents and grandparents and siblings and aunts and uncles and cousins and nieces and nephews... for

being such a great source of sermons!

And THANK YOU to God, who brought us together in the first place. He used Mother LaRae and Dave Penniman and Lynn Glahn and that Search Committee and Vestry to articulate that this was where I was meant to be for a time, and since God is good all the time, I also have to thank God for this parting, although it is difficult. So as I said in my letter to you all, I am both happy and sad, but overwhelmingly grateful and thankful.

Thank you all for letting us into your hearts and lives. A pastor couldn't love a flock more than I love you all, and I will carry you all in my heart wherever I go. I wish you all the best of blessings as you carry your ministries forward; and I'll covet your prayers for the same for the Brown Family.

Grace and Peace,

Fr. Greg

(And THANK YOU for your patience and understanding if I overlooked your name in the above letter... my memory is perhaps fading already, and in this regard feel free to spare your candor!)

Fr. Greg's August Announcements

Beth Janney is one of our Summer Parishioners, and she is a registered nurse with a heart for the elderly. She will be leading two discussions concerning brain changes as people age, and how to better interact with them. These will be on Sunday, August 5 and Monday, August 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. each evening.

On August 5th, Beth plans to present an overview of brain changes associated with dementia (briefly); the stages of dementia (using a different and more easily understood model than the Alzheimer's Association version); and how to communicate at each stage. On August 6th, she will repeat the brief description of brain changes; provide a virtual dementia experience; discuss and demonstrate physical approaches for persons with dementia. This promises to be an engaging and useful topic, so we hope to see you there!

Sermon on August 19: Since there is no way I (Fr. Greg) will be able to preach a full sermon on my last Sunday and keep it all together, my message will be brief AND THEN I will invite some of you to share a personal or funny story of our ministries together. I will share a few of my own as well. Please have yours written down so that we can stay on track! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A STORY but don't want to do it our loud, please have one a drop it off in the basket provided. These will be nice to share down the road!

VESTRY NEWS - AUGUST HARBINGER!

So, it's been quite a month, right? And, I'm not talking about the weather, I'm talking about Emmanuel - and change.

I know Fr. Greg's recent letter took our parish by surprise and perhaps some grief. Your vestry shed some tears when Fr. Greg announced that he has accepted a call to Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. We will miss his leadership, and the joy of having his family - Cathy, Taylor, Jenna and Lara in our parish family.

Putting any personal sorrow aside, we wish Fr. Greg all the best! His call to Holy Comforter will bring new challenges, and an opportunity to serve God in new ways. Fr. Greg has changed and energized Emmanuel in his thirteen years as rector and has diversified the ways in which we serve. Lay leaders and cell groups have all expanded our vision of what we do at Emmanuel. We have a mission and a vision, and our work will continue.

"What comes next?" you might be asking. We have a wonderful process to follow. In September we will have guest priests for a few weeks. Then, we will choose an Interim Priest who is specially trained to facilitate the transition from our current rector to our next. Our interim priest will be and will do the daily work of an Episcopal priest, joining us throughout the week for ministry and cell group meetings, visits, and calling on members in need. When we are ready, your vestry will appoint a Rector Search Committee to begin the search for our next rector. The Search Committee will represent a broad selection of all of our interests, ministries and hopes at Emmanuel. We will do exciting work in discernment that will result in the selection of the next great rector of Emmanuel.

I hope we can all join in our grand celebration of Father Greg's ministry here at Emmanuel. Let us send off the Brown family with our love - and blessings - to their new home in Charlotte.

PARTY, I'm putting that in capital letters because Fr. Greg would.
**PARTY on Saturday, August 18, 3-6 pm in the
Charles B. and Amy Wood Fellowship Hall.**

Love and blessings to you,

Sandy Selden,
Senior Warden



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The search for our next Director of Music Ministries has begun!

Members of our search team include Nancy and Bruce Turner, Kay Farrimond, Jessica and Tim Tippett, Mark Thompson, Father Greg, Randy Evans and Nina Wagar.

We have been developing a Position Description that will help us locate an enthusiastic candidate who can encourage and grow our Adult and Children's Choir, connect with our Northern Michigan musical community and be an integral part of Emmanuel and our ministries.



Please keep our search in your prayers, and help us by spreading the word to anyone you know that might fit this description. Our Position Description will be posted on our church website, eepetoskey.org and in many other locations.

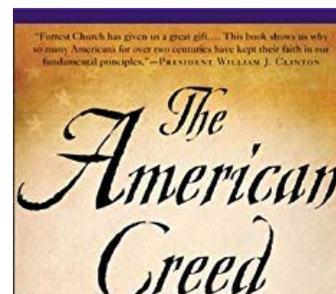
Thank you for your prayers and continued support,

Nina Wagar and Randy Evans

"FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP - Exploring Christianity today and beyond"

Welcoming both men and women, this group will be hosted each month by Bill Nicholson at his home on 154 Mishe Mokwa Drive, Harbor Springs (off Powell Road, east of Vernales Restaurant). **It will be from 7-9 pm - the THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH - beginning September 18th.** Each participant will choose one book per year, lead the discussion the month that your book is to be discussed, and bring a simple dessert that evening. Coffee will always be available. Bring your selection to the first meeting and the schedule of titles for the year will be determined then. All members will be reading each book each month.

Bill will start off leading the first meeting with *The American Creed: a Spiritual and Patriotic Primer*, by Forrest Church. Amazon offers it for \$6.88, or there are used ones available through them for \$2.95 and up. The Petoskey Library system does not own it,



nor does any other library in our consortium. But you could ask them to order it for you through Interlibrary loan (ILL). Talk to Bill about any questions you have.

This will be a time for enrichment, sharing, and fun and fellowship!

BEYOND OUR WALLS CELL GROUP - UPDATE

JUNE: BOW had a busy month. The CROP Walk was held on June 30th at Bay View. There were a total of 145 walkers this year. Emmanuel had a total of 41 walkers. Father Greg gave a challenge that for every walker wearing a Emmanuel green t-shirt that he would contribute \$10 dollars. There were 38 of our group wearing green t-shirts so he wrote a check to CROP for \$380. dollars. Two of our group rocked on the porch of Evelyn Hall and enjoyed the Pat Sayer ensemble. The final total for all participating groups will be available at the August CROP meeting.

The BOW Cell met at Pam and Rusty Carpenter's on **July 9th** for their monthly meeting. At the beginning of the meeting we gave Ron Rinker high praise for all his efforts in getting a great turnout from Emmanuel for the 2018 Crop Walk. The primary purpose of this meeting was to begin the discernment process for the Wood Survey/Inheritance. Joyce Riordan served as the facilitator for the meeting. There are many phases to look at, all the data and then starting to piece it altogether. We did not complete going over all the results but will continue to work on the discernment process. Since that meeting we have had 10 more surveys turned in which has provided us with a better return rate and more comments to consider. These will need to be integrated into the full process. While we had hoped to have the results completed by the end of August, it may take us to September to fully reach the best results. Many thanks to Joyce for all her leadership in facilitating and compiling the data. We have a great group of forward thinkers in this Cell group who look at all angles in the process. A full report will be provided to the parish once we have finished. Stay tuned.

Starting in September, Emmanuel Episcopal Church will offer a weekly Soup Supper/Bible Study and discussion for 9 weeks on Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis. We will invite our Mitchell St. church neighbors: Cross of Christ, United Methodist and First Presbyterian churches, and others who are interested.

The sessions will be held in the undercroft with a soup supper at 5:30 pm followed by the program 6:30 - 7:30, on Wednesday evenings: **September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and November 7 and 14.** (We will skip Halloween.) Dave and Carolyn Penniman will serve as leaders, and also coordinate the food, asking volunteers to bring soup and other items, as well as set up and clean up.

It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else-nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender,



geography-our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. The church's role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. Jesus says "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). We hope that this study is helpful in bringing conversation, prayer, and reflection as we listen and share our faith with each other.

Dottie Hawthorne
BOW CELL Chair

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COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

August 5 Blessings & Generosity Pancake Breakfast
August 12 TBD
August 19 The Turners
August 26 TBD

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug. 1	Thomas Hord	Aug. 2	Daphne Weston
Aug. 7	Ellis Hagan	Aug. 10	Thomas Farley
Aug. 10	Jackson Wong	Aug. 11	Stephanie Flom
Aug. 11	Susan Spence	Aug. 12	Carla Crockett
Aug. 13	Robert Bleyaert	Aug. 13	Jim Epps
Aug. 16	Marsha Harrison	Aug. 18	Shirley Pinson
Aug. 19	Susan Bleyaert	Aug. 19	Cameron Koch
Aug. 20	Elizabeth Need	Aug. 20	Stephen Selden
Aug. 21	Helen Lambert	Aug. 24	Michael Sears
Aug. 25	Valerie Vinci Ash	Aug. 25	Fiona Scott
Aug. 26	Kevin Cell	Aug. 27	Jay Emmendorfer
Aug. 30	Carol Tippet	Aug. 31	William Chatterson



CELEBRATE!!

ANNIVERSARIES:

August 1st: George & Valerie Vinci Ash
August 1st: Jim & Phyllis Epps
August 4th: David & Wendy Price
August 5th: William & Louise Graham
August 5th: Nicholas & Lauren Liebler
August 8th: David (DJ) & Patricia (T.) Jones
August 14th: Michael & Mindy Sears
August 15th: David & Gretchen Lamarche
August 15th: Franz & Joan Neubrecht
August 17th: Christian & Amy Janssens
August 17th: Thomas & Susan VanDeventer
August 18th: Glenn & Moon Seagren
August 19th: Nate & Stephanie Asiala Gross
August 25th: Doug & Carol Coursey
August 25th: Robert & Pattie Utter
August 26th: James Chattaway & Bess Bleyaert
August 31st: Kevin & Mandy LaBarge



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<u>August 5</u>	<u>August 12</u>	<u>August 19</u>	<u>August 26</u>
RITE I Service: Lynn Duse	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland, Josephine Cabana	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse

RITE II Service: LEMs: MaryIn Graham - 1st Tom Hord	LEMs: Tim Tippett - 1st Dottie Hawthorne	LEMs: Richard Kelbaugh- 1st Frank Hawthorne	LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Ann Warfield
POPs: Richard Kelbaugh	POPs: Ann Warfield	POPs: Kathy Hand	POPs: MaryIn Graham
LECTORS: Stephen Selden	LECTORS: Mary Kreid	LECTORS: Ann Warfield	LECTORS: Sharyn Olliffe
ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer Mike Atchison Caroline Farley Thomas Farley	ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison - Crucifer Mike Atchison Katie Farley Joe Farley	ACOLYTEs: 3 TBD	ACOLYTEs: Josephine Cabana 2 TBD
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: Lynn Duse
ALTAR GUILD: MaryIn Graham, Mary Thompson	ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse	ALTAR GUILD: Sarah Mosser, Kathy Hand	ALTAR GUILD: MaryIn Graham Kathy Hand
COFFEE HOUR: Blessings & Generosity Pancake Breakfast	COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: The Turners	COFFEE HOUR: TBD
VPOW: Joyce Riordan	VPOW: Karel Howse	VPOW: Gretchen Lamarche	VPOW: Sandy Selden
PLATE COORDINATOR: Franz Neubrecht	PLATE COORDINATOR: Franz Neubrecht	PLATE COORDINATOR: Robert Howse	PLATE COORDINATOR: Sandy Selden



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Gretchen Lamarche
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Nina Wagar

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