



***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.***

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful first month this has been. I am so grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality you have shown me since my arrival. Thank you! It has been my pleasure to be with you and especially to be here for our glorious Christmas celebration. Thank you to all who contributed to making it such a joyous occasion.

I have also appreciated being able to meet with some of you one-on-one. It is a gift to me to hear your stories and to get to know you. I will continue these meetings after I return from Chicago on Jan. 3. Please feel free to call Leah Cell in the office to schedule an appointment or write me at fralan@eecpetoskey.org.

As we turn the calendar over to 2019, know that we will move together through this time of transition:

--Everyone should have received the Rector Search Committee application form via email. Additional copies may be picked up from the ushers or by contacting Leah in the office. Completed applications are due Jan. 7. The Vestry will announce the appointment of parishioners to this committee at the Annual Parish meeting on Jan. 20.

--I will hold a conversation following the 10am service on Jan 13 to see if there is interest in beginning to offer regular adult spiritual formation opportunities/conversation following the 10am service, and

if so, what topics would be of interest to people.

--Following the Annual Meeting the newly comprised Vestry will meet on retreat Feb 1-2. This will be not only a time for us to get to know each other better, but to also begin to plan out our priorities for the coming year.

--While I am still finalizing some of the details, I anticipate starting a midweek Bible Study on Thursday mornings prior to the 11am Eucharist. Stay tuned for more information.

Thank you again for your wonderful welcome. This interim period is off to a great start for me, and I hope you as well. May God bless you and us in all that we do in the new year!

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Alan C. James



VESTRY NEWS JANUARY 2019

We are turning the page. It's a new year coming, with great potential. Anything is possible!

Vestry activity right now focuses on three things. First is the budget for 2019. We need a workable estimation of predictable spending. The Finance Cell has given us a head start for a budget that is nearly complete in all aspects - except funding. We are close. If you have not turned in a pledge card for 2019, this is a really good time to make your commitment. I have requested a special vestry meeting for January 14, 2019. At this meeting we will finalize the 2019 budget, making decisions which will affect cell groups and ministries

throughout the coming year. Thank you so much for your generous giving which allows us to carry out our mission at Emmanuel!

Second thing. We are looking for the vestry Class of 2019. We have three openings for Emmanuel's most active, intriguing, and most challenging cell group, the one that will give you something to think about for the next three years. It's a good thing. If you feel God might be calling your name, please tell us you could serve, by contacting a vestry member - soon!

Third thing. We are beginning to ask for applications for our Search Committee to find a new rector for Emmanuel. You received an application by email. If not, paper copies are available. The vestry will appoint a small group of parishioners committed to asking questions, listening to each other, researching what we all think, and ultimately finding a candidate to be our new rector. This will be exciting work for those who take up this spiritual quest. Applications are due soon: January 7, 2019.

In other news ... Vestry completed self evaluations for 2018. We're taking a look at how we're all doing - what we do well, and what we do not do so well. Joyce Riordan created a very thorough evaluation document that we have used this year.

We have a new Employee Handbook compiled by Randy Evans. This is a thoughtful document which will help our vestry and staff work together professionally. This update was long overdue, and we are fortunate to have Randy's talent and efforts to make Employee Handbook current.

We moved the church office. Have you seen our new arrangement? What was the conference room has become Leah's office. Father Alan's new office is Leah's former office. Both look really good in their new spaces, and they are easily accessible. The former office upstairs will become a beautiful conference room. It already has tables and seating for twelve. The walls and ceiling are soon to be redone, and Emmanuel will enjoy a great new meeting room. Vestry held our December meeting in the new conference room to be.

Did I say how much we all enjoy Father Alan's leadership? He brings new ideas, and new ways of achieving our goals and mission. We can think anew and act anew in 2019. Are we not all Harbingers, heralds, and messengers? Expand your personal ministry in some way, in 2019.

Blessings and Peace to you in the new year,

Sandy P. Selden, Senior Warden



PASTORAL CARE CELL

Have you heard about the Pastoral Care Cell at Emmanuel? Are you alone or would you like someone in our church to listen or pray with you?



The goal of Pastoral Care 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.

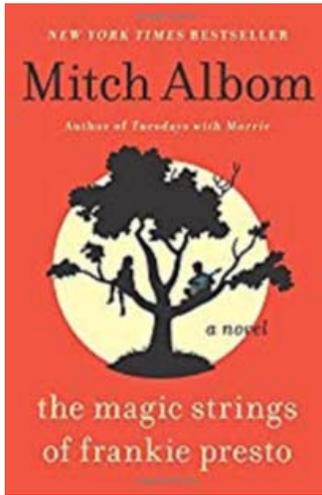
This winter the Pastoral Care team has been trying to contact all the parishioners in Emmanuel's directory. Sometimes the contact information is incomplete: please keep your information current. That would help us!

We all have challenges, special needs and/or medical concerns at one time or another. We support family and friends involved in caregiving with love and compassion. Please know all information gleaned is confidential.

If you know of anyone suffering alone, perhaps they would like to be contacted by a member of the Pastoral Care team. Or, perhaps they would like the comfort of a hand knitted prayer scarf or shawl?

For more information, please contact Fr. Alan at 231.347.2350 ext. 111; Sharyn Olliffe at 248.909.5862; or the church office at 231-347-2350 ext. 110.

EMMANUEL'S BOOK GROUP
INFO FOR JANUARY



Mitch Albom has produced another winner with "The Magic Strings of Frankie Pesto". A musician himself, Albom delivers a remarkable novel, infused with the message that "everyone joins a band in this life" and those connections change us all. It makes me think of a favorite quote which says "I am a part of all that I have met."

Join us for the discussion Monday January 14th at 7pm in the Lottie Peterson room at Emmanuel. Please feel free to contact Nancy Turner at taketurns1106@gmail.com with any questions you might have! Last but not least, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

BEYOND OUR WALLS - JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year from Beyond Our Walls! Next Cell Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Wood Fellowship Hall.

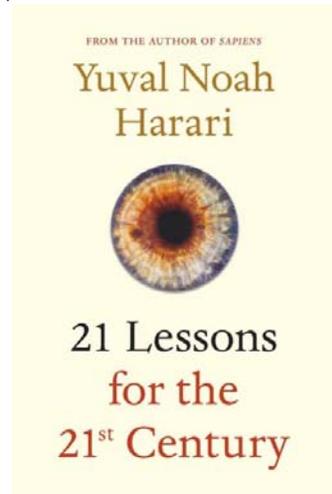


THE "FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP" BOOK CLUB - JANUARY 2019

The "Faith and Friendship" Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 15th, at 7 pm at the home of Bill and Nancy Nicholson at 154 Mishe Mokwa Drive. Vic Knowlton will lead the discussion on the title 21 Lessons for the 21st Century, by Yuval N. Harari. New York : Spiegel & Grau, 2018.

Yuval Noah Harari's 21 Lessons for the 21st Century is a probing and visionary investigation into today's most urgent issues as we move into the uncharted territory of the future. As technology advances faster than our understanding of it, hacking becomes a tactic of war, and the world feels more polarized than ever, Harari addresses the challenge of navigating life in the face of constant and disorienting change and raises the important questions we need to ask ourselves in order to survive.

Harari's unique ability to make sense of where we have come from and where we are going has captured the imaginations of millions of readers. Here he invites us to consider values, meaning, and personal engagement in a world full of noise and uncertainty. When we are deluged with irrelevant information, clarity is power. Presenting complex contemporary challenges clearly and accessibly, 21 Lessons for the 21st Century is essential reading.



The book is available at the local library or on Amazon. Join us for some fascinating, challenging and always enjoyable interaction during the evening. (Plus some goodies and coffee!) Even if you have not read the book but would like to come, please don't hesitate. For questions, call Nancy at 231-373-3900

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COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

January 6: Worship Center and Sunday School
January 13: TBD
January 20: Annual Meeting -
January 27: TBD

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 01	William Chatterson	Jan. 01	Nicole Viterbo
Jan. 04	Samuel DeCamp	Jan. 04	Keegan Hartmann
Jan. 05	John Smith	Jan. 06	Nancy Hodgkiss
Jan. 06	Richard Kelbaugh	Jan. 06	Wendy Thatcher
Jan. 07	Benjamin Hall	Jan. 08	Deborah Kan
Jan. 10	Suzanne Carpenter	Jan. 11	Juliana Liebler
Jan. 11	Moon Seagren	Jan. 12	Cricket Kelbaugh
Jan. 14	Christine Carpenter	Jan. 15	Patricia (T.) Jones
Jan. 16	Maeve Janssens	Jan. 17	Mary Iles
Jan. 19	Nina Wagar	Jan. 21	Molly Landi
Jan. 22	Liam Selden	Jan. 25	James Hempstead
Jan. 27	Nina Chatterson	Jan. 27	Ronald Varga
Jan. 29	Robert Need	Jan. 30	Frank Hawthorne
Jan. 31	Stephanie Asiala Gross		
Jan. 31	Peter Hartmann		



CELEBRATE!!

ANNIVERSARIES:

January 1st: Bob and Susan Hannah
January 3rd: Glen (Rusty) and Pamela Carpenter





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<u>Jan. 6</u>	<u>Jan. 13</u>	<u>Jan. 20</u>	<u>Jan. 27</u>
RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath / Kathryn Audia	RITE I Service: Ernie Mainland / Josephine Cabana	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse / Kathryn Audia	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath
RITE II Service: LEMs: Tim Tippett - 1st Randy Evans - c	RITE II Service: LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Maryln Graham	RITE II Service: LEMs: Tom Hord - 1st Maryln Graham	RITE II Service: LEMs: Tim Tippett - 1st Randy Evans - c
POPs: Maryln Graham	POPs: Sharyn Olliffe	POPs: Gretchen Lamarche	POPs: Sharyn Olliffe
LECTORS: Sarah Mosser	LECTORS: Dottie Hawthorne	LECTORS: Denise Evans	LECTORS: Nina Wagar
ACOLYTEs: Suzy Carpenter Caroline Farley Juliana Liebler - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Josephine Cabana Griffin Frentz Jack Frentz	ACOLYTEs: Thomas Farley - torch bearer; Lillian Lamarche - torch bearer; Taya Price-Thatcher - Crucifer	ACOLYTEs: Katie Farley Joe Farley Avery Sears
USHERs & GREETERs: Bill & Ginny King	GREETERs: Bruce & Connie Booth	USHERs & GREETERs: Sarah Mosser, Joan Neubrecht	USHERs & GREETERs: Ashley Price, Wendy Price
CHURCH OPENERs: Bruce Turner	CHURCH OPENERs: Bruce Koch	CHURCH OPENERs: Lynn Duse	CHURCH OPENERs: DJ Jones
ALTAR GUILD: Bill & Louise Graham	ALTAR GUILD: Bill & Louise Graham	ALTAR GUILD: Bill & Louise Graham	ALTAR GUILD: Bill & Louise Graham
COFFEE HOUR: Worship Center & Sunday School	COFFEE HOUR: TBD	COFFEE HOUR: Annual Meeting - TBD	COFFEE HOUR: TBD
VPOW: Frank Hawthorne	VPOW: Joan Holec	VPOW: Tim Tippett	VPOW: Randy Evans
PLATE COORDINATOR: Sandy Selden	PLATE COORDINATOR: Dottie/Frank Hawthorne	PLATE COORDINATOR: Maryln Graham	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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Your 2018 EEC Vestry Members:

Sandy Selden, Senior Warden	Frank Hawthorne, Junior Warden
Joyce Riordan, Clerk	Randy Evans
Joan Holec	Karel Howse
Gretchen Lamarche	Timothy Tippet
Nina Wagar	

Your EEC Staff Members:

The Rev. Alan C. James, Interim Rector
Andre Strydom, Director of Music Ministries
Leah Cell, Office Manager
Christina Cartwright, Altar Guild Director
Patricia Dovalina, Nursery Provider
Roberta Shalifoe, EEC Sexton

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