

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

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OCTOBER 2019**

*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,

As we slide into fall, our active joy-filled sunny days give way to a season of wistful gratitude for the summer just ended and awe at the beauty of the fall colors. This transition is timely opportunity for us as Christians to pause, pray, and plan.



Next week you will be receiving a set of documents in the mail from the Stewardship Ministry. October will be our Season of Stewardship. As I shared during my preaching series in Lent, stewardship is about discipleship. It is about the many and varied ways that we live out our faith. Yes, one of the important ways we do this is in answering the question, "What is my financial pledge to support God's work through the ministries of Emmanuel Church?" But that is only one facet of stewardship. This year you are encouraged to use the tools we send to take a wholistic look at your life and set goals for the ways you would like to grow over the next year.

Stewardship begins with us appreciating and giving thanks to God for God's presence and participation in our lives. Like looking at pictures from our summer trips or going out amid the yellow, red, and orange fall foliage, stewardship starts with us pausing from our busy ways to see and acknowledge God's goodness around us and in each of lives.

In response to what God is doing, you and I can ask ourselves a series of questions such as: when/where do we connect with God in prayer during the week; how are we involved (through our time and money) in doing God's work at Emmanuel and through other commitments we have in the community; what questions or doubts do I have about God and my faith and how do I want to find answers to them?

You will see a number of questions and options to respond to on the pledge form. We also include a two-page list of possible pledges/commitments you might make. It is not an exhaustive list but meant to prime your imagination. I invite you to take time in prayer to listen for how the Holy Spirit might be inviting you to respond. In what ways does God want you to continue on as is, and where might God be nudging you to stretch and grow in new ways? There is no right answer but the one that is right for you. If it would be helpful, I am always open to talking with you about these things.

You are a beloved child of God. God desires for you to continue growing into the person you were created to be. May this Season of Stewardship be a steppingstone for you on that journey.

Faithfully yours,

Fr. Alan

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Great news! Our position for a new Rector has been posted by the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan and Emmanuel's website has been updated with a Rector Search page. We are sure we will receive a great response and the Search Committee looks forward to the next step of receiving candidates from the Bishop's office.

The Rector Search Committee

Do you consider the children and youth of Emmanuel a priority?

The results of both our focus groups and CAT survey indicated that the members of our church feel we need to prioritize our youth ministry. In order to do this, some feel like we need to have a paid youth minister. Although this position might help us bring new ideas and energy to our programming, that ONE person could not do it all. They could not be in the nursery every Sunday, they could not teach Worship Center, Sunday school, and 5th - 7th grade every Sunday during the 10:00 service. We would still need volunteer teachers to have a successful program.



Thankfully, we have five teachers returning for the 2019-20 school year as well as the addition of two new teachers. These generous members are who make it possible for our kids to have classes offered each Sunday. However, in order to comply with the Diocese requirements and Safeguarding God's Children, we need two adults in

each room in order to teach classes to our youngest members. I have been asking for volunteers since mid-August and so far have had nine people come forward - Thank you! This might seem like a large number, but unfortunately it is not. We need four volunteers each Sunday. Based on our calendar of events for the fall, we need 48 spaces filled with volunteers!!!

In order to volunteer you need to be able to spend the first 45 minutes of the 10:00 service in a classroom. You do not need to engage in the lesson, you do not need to wipe snotty noses, and you do not need to be a leader, or teacher. You may read a book, knit, work on the New York Times crossword puzzle, meditate, etc. You simply must be willing to be present in the room. I know this seems like a plea or begging, and well, quite frankly, it is.

If you are interested in what happens within our classrooms, this is a great opportunity to be that fly on the wall you've always wanted to be. Also, if you are that person that has thought to yourself that you'd like to teach, but don't think you know the Bible well enough; this is a great opportunity to see how easy teaching the lessons really is.

If you'd like to see the families we have in this parish remain here, or you'd like to see new families start attending, it begins with you. Please consider being a volunteer for one Sunday from now until December. As referenced in Fr. Alan's sermon a couple of weeks ago: We all have a choice.

Thank You,

Ashley Price
Youth Spiritual Ministry Leader

LARC RETREAT OCTOBER 22-24
Augustine Center in Conway

LARC stands for Lutherans, Anglicans (in the broadest sense) and Roman Catholics. The annual retreat is a time for ecumenical dialogue in the context of shared prayer and reflection. Our theme is "Going Out Yet Not Knowing: Ministry in the Paradox of a Connected / Disconnected Culture": We live in the paradox of a culture that is more connected than ever before and yet more dis-connected. We seek a better understanding of the "Nones", "Dones" and "Spiritual But Not Religious", who are nonetheless hungry for authentic spirituality and for social community grounded in shared values.

For more details and registration, contact Dave Penniman (231-330-5445, dpenniman@gmail.com) or see the flyers on the table in the entry area.

LARC

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Anglicans, and
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Catholics

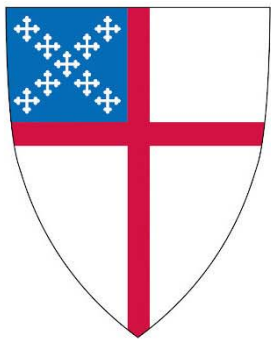
gather for our 2019 Retreat

"Going Out Yet Not Knowing:
Ministry in the Paradox
of a Connected / Disconnected Culture"

Tuesday, October 22
(1:00pm)

Thursday, October 24
(1:00pm)

Augustine Center
2708 North US 31
Conway, Michigan
(231) 347-3657



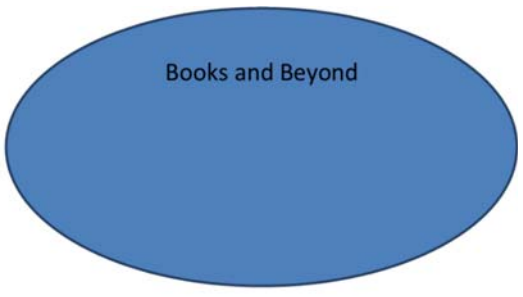
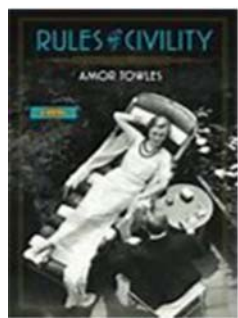
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Choristers

Our *Voice for Life* program
for young singers
meets on Sundays at
11:30 a.m. in the Choir Room



For more information please contact
Music Director ANDRE STRYDOM
in the church office:
(231) 347-2350 or andre@eecpetoskey.org



Emmanuel's long running book group has a new name! Books and Beyond has been meeting on a regular basis for maybe 20-25 years? Actually the first book discussed was "Angela's Ashes" and that was published in 1996, so my guess is spot on. Meeting the second

Monday of the month from September through June means our next meeting is slated for Monday October 14th at the home of Pattie Utter. Our book is "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles, which is a sophisticated and entertaining debut novel about an irresistible young woman with an uncommon sense of purpose. Set in New York City in 1938, "Rules of Civility" tells the story of a watershed year in the life of an uncompromising 25 year old named Katey Kontent. "Rules of Civility" turns a keen eye on how spur of the moment decisions can define a life for decades to come. We'll car pool out to Pattie's from Emmanuel's parking lot. Books and Beyond is open to anyone interested in discussing books. We do fiction, non-fiction, biographies, autobiographies, historical fiction - the sky's the limit. For more information, contact Nancy Turner at taketurns1106@gmail.com

GATHER AND GROW NEWS

Summer is nearly over and Fall is quickly upon us. That means it is time for blue jeans, sweatshirts, cozy fires, and COMFORT FOOD! October 6, 2019 is our second Welcome Sunday of the year. We will be welcoming new faces during the service and having a luncheon in the Wood Fellowship Hall after the service. Food, beverages, and place settings will be provided by the ministry groups of Emmanuel. Please join us for lunch and fellowship to welcome our new faces and our beautiful Fall season.

Gather and Grow continues to enjoy planning fellowship opportunities for Emmanuel and being your "social" event coordinators. If you are interested in joining our ministry group, we have a business meeting every other month on the first Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the Lottie Peterson Room. Please feel free to join us for the October meeting to see what is in the works for upcoming months.

Wendy Price,
Chair of the Gather and Grow Ministry

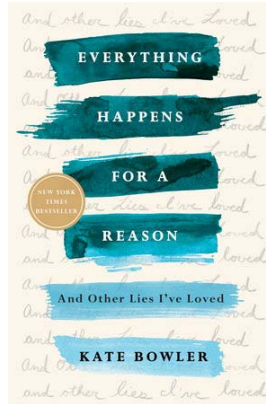


"FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP - Exploring Christianity today and beyond"

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 - this month it is October 15th. 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.

Our book for October is: *Everything Happens for a Reason (and other lies I've loved)* by Kate Bowler



From the Duke University website:

"Kate Bowler, Ph.D. is on the faculty of Duke University as Associate Professor of the History of Christianity in North America. Her book, *Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel* (Oxford University Press, 2013), received widespread media attention and academic praise as the first history of the movement based on divine promises of health, wealth, and happiness. She researched and traveled Canada and the United States interviewing megachurch leaders and everyday believers about how they make spiritual meaning of the good or bad in their lives.

In 2015, she was unexpectedly diagnosed with Stage IV cancer at age 35. In her viral New York Times op-ed, she writes about the irony of being an expert in health, wealth and happiness while being ill. Her subsequent memoir, *Everything Happens for a Reason (and other lies I've loved)* (Random House, 2018), tells the story of her struggle to understand the personal and intellectual dimensions of the American belief that all tragedies are tests of character."

It is warm, engaging, sometimes even funny, and deeply insightful. Looking forward to our discussion.

Outreach Ministry Report, October 2019

We decided to divert the remaining funds in the CRA category, \$250, to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, designated for Dorian hurricane relief.

We spent the greater part of our meeting on September 9 focused on the 2020 budget. We have a new format for determining our budget. We will be following the United Nations Sustainable Goals for our guide. The Framework is as follows:

Education - ChildFund International

Climate Action - Michigan Interfaith Power and Light

Peace and Justice - Youth Ministry
Program/Cuba Mission Trip

Poverty/Hunger/Healthcare
Lunch Program
Pantry and related programs -
Nehemiah House and Women's
Resource Center



NW Michigan Community Action -Fuel Assistance

Boyne Area Free Clinic

CROP Walk - through individual Emmanuel walkers' fundraising

We will apply this framework to the 2020 budget funds that will be requested from the Vestry in early November.

Emmanuel's Food Summit **POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2020:**

September 28, 9:00-Noon, Wood Fellowship Hall

An opportunity for those participating to network on food and related issues.

Keynote Speaker - Kim Baker, Executive Director of Manna Project

Four workshops will be presented:

- Native American food practices in growing and sharing harvest
- Blue Sky Indian United Methodist Church,
- School Food Pantries, best practices
- Community Food Pantry and Hot Meals in a church setting
- Grant Writing

Lunch Coordinator for Thursday Noon lunch program at 1st Presbyterian Church is still needed. Carolyn Penniman will be leaving that position by the end of 2019. If you are interested in finding out more about this position contact Carolyn Penniman or Dottie Hawthorne.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Hawthorne, Outreach Ministry Chair

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Pastoral Care is a very important part of the Emmanuel Family and how we care for one another. To provide this ministry we need volunteers that can help in one or more of the services we provide. Please check the list below-then pray on how you can assist in bringing comfort to your parish family and when God answers, please contact Nina or Sharyn.

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 support you and bring comfort in a loving way. Please let us know if you or someone you know is in need.

The Pastoral Care Ministry is taking this special time before our new Rector is called to re-organize and refresh our ministry. To best support our new Rector with pastoral care we are looking for parishioners, both male & female, to join us in providing support for our church family. The time involved would at most be just two hours per week working to help others.

Pastoral Care Qualities:

- Compassionate & Caring
- A Good Listener
- Respect Privacy & Are Confidential
- Are Discrete, Polite and Gentle

Pastoral Care Ministry Provides:

- Hospital Visits
- Nursing Home Visits
- Rides
- Prayer Shawls
- Meals
- Makes Phone Calls
- Sends Cards



If you can help with one or more of these or would like more information, please contact Sharyn Olliffe at 248.909.5862; Nina Wagar at 231.881.2630, Fr. Alan at 231.347.2350 ext. 111; or Leah in the church office at 231-347-2350 ext. 110.

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COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:

- October 6 Gather & Grow Ministry**
- October 13 Thursday Lunch Ministry**
- October 20 Youth Pantry & Reading K-3 Ministry**
- October 27 Pastoral Care Ministry**

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Oct. 1 Todd Petersen | Oct. 1 Analisa Selden |
| Oct. 2 Rusty Carpenter | Oct. 2 Ann Warfield |
| 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. 19 Denise Sheperd **Oct. 20 Joy McBride**
Oct. 21 James DeCamp **Oct. 21 Kelli Hagan**
Oct. 27 Johnny Viterbo
Oct. 31 Anne Marie Nicholson



CELEBRATE!!

ANNIVERSARIES:

October 2nd: Thomas Hord & Mary Wieter-Hord
October 15th: Ronald & Judy Varga
October 16th: David & Carolyn Penniman



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<u>October 6</u>	<u>October 13</u>	<u>October 20</u>	<u>October 27</u>
RITE I Service: Lynn Duse	RITE I Service: Dennis McGeath	RITE I Service: Kathryn Audia	RITE I Service: Lynn Duse
RITE II Service: LEMs: Julie Eckhardt Tom Hord - 1st	LEMs: Tim Tippett - 1st TBA	LEMs: Tom Hord Sharyn Olliffe - 1st	LEMs: Sharyn Olliffe TBA
POPs: Gretchen Lamarche	POPs: Sharyn Olliffe	POPs: Julie Eckhardt	POPs: Tim Tippett
LECTORS: DJ Jones	LECTORS: Dottie Hawthorne	LECTORS: Nina Wagar	LECTORS: Denise Evans
ACOLYTEs: Josephine Cabana Katie Farley Lillian Lamarche	ACOLYTEs: Suzy Carpenter Caroline Farley Joe Farley	ACOLYTEs: Adam Cross Dorothea Cross John Cross	ACOLYTEs: Van Atchison Griffin Frentz Jack Frentz
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: Dennis McGeath	CHURCH OPENERs: Bruce Koch	CHURCH OPENERs: Dennis McGeath

ALTAR GUILD: Karel Howse	ALTAR GUILD: Christina Cartwright	ALTAR GUILD: TBD	ALTAR GUILD: TBD
COFFEE HOUR: Gather & Grow Ministry	COFFEE HOUR: Thursday Lunch Ministry	COFFEE HOUR: Youth Pantry & Reading K-3 Ministry	COFFEE HOUR: Pastoral Care Ministry
VPOW: Lauren Liebler	VPOW: Karel Howse	VPOW: Gretchen Lamarche	VPOW: Jay Emmendorfer
PLATE COORDINATOR: Ron Rinker	PLATE COORDINATOR: David Farley	PLATE COORDINATOR: Franz Neubrecht	PLATE COORDINATOR: F/D Hawthorne
Youth Volunteers: Nursery: Pam Carpenter	Youth Volunteers: Nursery: Mary Kreid	Youth Volunteers: Nursery:	Youth Volunteers: Nursery:
Worship Center: Mary Catherine Hannah	Worship Center: Christina Cartwright	Worship Center:	Worship Center: Sandy Selden
Sunday School: TBD	Sunday School: Marcia Ames	Sunday School:	Sunday School:
5th - 7th Graders:	5th - 7th Graders: Daphne Weston	5th - 7th Graders: Joan Holec	5th - 7th Graders: Ron Rinker

Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome Welcome

Please Come!

October 6th

**FALL FELLOWSHIP &
WELCOME LUNCHEON**

After church



**Soups, Salads,
Breads, Desserts**

Hosted by Gather & Grow

Food provided by your EEC ministry groups

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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 2019 EEC Vestry Members:

Randy Evans, Senior Warden
Karel Howse, Junior Warden
Tim Tippett, Clerk
Jay Emmendorfer
Joan Holec
Gretchen Lamarche
Lauren Liebler
Ashley Price
Nina Wagar

Your EEC Staff Members:

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