

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2011 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

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The Mission of Emmanuel Church

*Emmanuel Church serves God through worship,
Christian education, stewardship, evangelism,
nurturing of its members, and the care of those in need.*

*We are committed to the belief that each person is an integral and necessary
part of the Body of Christ and of the family of Emmanuel Church.*

*We seek to meet the spiritual needs of people in the atmosphere
of acceptance, caring, love, forgiveness, fun, and fellowship.*

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Values

The following five Core Values represent the shared beliefs of Emmanuel Episcopal Church. These tenets guide our individual lives and behavior and define the culture and character of our church. We are dedicated to expressing these values as we relate to one another and the communities we serve.

Faith. *We believe in God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – as we confess our faith in the creeds and live the Gospel in our daily lives.*

Family. *We care for, nurture and support individuals and families in every stage of life and circumstances.*

Honesty. *We earn trust through open, truthful communication and we act with integrity by aligning our behavior with our words and values.*

Loyalty. *We demonstrate allegiance to the people and ministry of Emmanuel.*

Community. *We enrich lives for our congregation, neighborhood and beyond by building relationships through worship, fellowship and service.*

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STAFF OF EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Bishop of Virginia	The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston
Interim Rector	The Rev. Martha Wallace
Priest Associate	The Rev. Sonley Joseph
Seminarian	Mr. Chuck McMillen
Organist/Choir Director	Ms. Linda Maguire
Interim Director of Christian Education	The Rev. Dr. William Doggett
Preschool Director	Dr. Rebecca Harmon
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2011-2012 VESTRY

Senior Warden	Barbie Frank
Junior Warden	Bud Clatanoff
Treasurer	Jennifer Adams
Preschool Board Liaison	Nancy Dupree
Vestry Members	Christina Bartley Lee Edgar Andrea McBarnette Sarah Orndorff Cappie Stiers

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Emmanuel Foundation.....	Jane Kolson
Emmanuel Preschool.....	Becky Harmon
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Junior Warden.....	Bud Clatanoff
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Music	Linda Maguire
Lay Worship Leaders	Jerry Boykin
Ushers	Bob Callahan
Acolytes.....	Chuck McMillen
Counters	Jim Bradley
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Christian Education	Catherine Wheeler and Bill Doggett
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VESTRY NOMINEE

Russ Haymes has worked for the State Department for 36 years both here and overseas and has been a member of the Episcopal church for 25 years. He has worshipped in several parishes in Northern Virginia, as well as three overseas parishes within the Anglican Communion. Russ has served on the Vestry in a number of these churches, including one church planting project in Northern Virginia and here at Emmanuel.

Back after a few years away, Russ is keen to help in the process of Emmanuel becoming the church community we want to be. In this exciting time for Emmanuel, he feels it would be a privilege to serve on the Vestry.

RECTOR

104 years ago, a small group of people started a Sunday School in a shed in the back of what is now 622 West Braddock Road. Two years later, they built what is now the chapel on this site. For more than 100 years, people have been worshiping and dedicating their lives to serving God in this place. In the past year, you have carried on that tradition. You worshipped God through meaningful liturgy and beautiful music. You made lunches for the homeless. You donated toys for children who would not get any otherwise. You gave your time and your offerings for the ministries of this church and pulled off very successful fundraisers in the Yard Sale and Bazaar. Through the Outreach of this church, you provided support for many worthy organizations in your neighborhood. You had many social activities for fun and fellowship. You baptized 11 new members, welcomed to the ranks of the confirmed six young people, and laid to rest one dear friend, Annette Sirmon, whose legacy of generosity in this parish is both long and great and continued beyond her death as she had designated Emmanuel as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy which provided us with a bequest of almost \$9000. You welcomed several new households and said goodbye to several dear friends who moved away. In the face of a continuing difficult economic season, you continued your financial support for your parish, with 88 pledging family units pledging and giving \$232,269 (for an average pledge of \$2639). Three new members joined the 1910 Society (of people who have included Emmanuel in their wills), bringing the total to 16. The preschool served 77 families and 88 children this year. I am lucky to be able to have Chapel with the four and five year olds every week, where we learn about God and church and act out bible stories and sing and pray and especially, we are reminded often that God loves all of us. We have also been very intentional in inviting preschool families to be engaged in our special activities. Christina Bartley and Sarah Orndorff hosted a lunch for newcomers in October where we welcomed eight relatively new people.

While all that was going on, you continued to work on your vision process to move your parish forward in the work God is calling you to do. Last March 20th you held a parish luncheon to work on your vision and your Vestry held a Vestry Vision Retreat on April 29th and 30th to begin to plan for the transition to new leadership which was generously facilitated by Beth Tuttle, who donated her time to facilitate this workshop. Through those two events, you identified three goals: Empowering Leadership; Meaningful Worship; and Caring for Children. Progress toward these goals has been significant and is beginning to transform your church. We have revamped the Family Sunday format and advertised them in the community which has brought us new members. We have worked hard to make Sunday worship more lively and joyful, and more welcoming to visitors by providing bulletins that include the entire service, and even a bit of art. We have recruited new

leadership for the Sunday School which is beginning to grow again, and split up the workload so none of them would have to miss out on a whole year of church. We changed our Christmas Eve format to one intergenerational service with beautiful music and a No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant in which every child who came to church could participate, topped off with birthday cake for the baby Jesus, and we welcomed over three hundred people to that service! There are way too many things going on to name them all here, but please read about some of them in this annual report.

Last but not least, you bid a fond farewell to Father Dan and Barbara Eckman who ministered to this community for almost 12 years, and you began to move forward with your transition. In mid-September, you graciously welcomed me with a lovely brunch hosted by Ruth Bilodeau with the help of many others. And we began to move forward together, guided by the goals established in your vision. So it was a full year, a year of transition, that this community is taking in stride. All of this and so much more is evidence you have heard God's call, have experienced the reign of God coming near to us, and have responded by following where God is leading. May it always be so.

The Rev. Martha Wallace, Interim Rector

PRIEST ASSOCIATE

This annual field education experience at Emmanuel Church was a gracious time for me. This was a time marked with challenges and opportunities for me and the community. After the retirement of the former rector in July 2011, the community was challenged to address a transitional situation. The members of the community understood that the church was in transition. The leadership of the parish has wonderfully managed the situation in searching for an interim rector and planning for supply priests to serve on Sunday. In August and September, I was one of the privileged ordained ministers who served the community as a supply priest while the search for the interim rector was on the move. I am grateful for the confidence that the community placed in me to be part of this process. When the current interim rector arrived in mid-September, the parish found some relief by succeeding in a difficult time. This capacity to overcome the transition time is a sign that the church will be able to move forward. I want to say CONGRATULATIONS to the staff, vestry, and members of the community.

The joy and comfort that I found working in the community are very positive. I am glad for the dynamic and lively community that Emmanuel Church is and the opportunity to be involved in the pastoral life of this church. The experience to celebrate, preach, and be part of the Adult Bible Study at Emmanuel Church this year has been wonderful. The presence of Rev. Martha Wallace as interim rector has brought tremendous input in the community. In the perspective of finding a new rector soon, the church is deeply engaged in the process of building a foundation for dynamism, spiritual growth, and mission expansion. It has been such a great experience of learning about the Episcopal Church in the United States in the particular context of Emmanuel community.

I want to say a special thank you to Chuck McMillen for the disposition to ride me to church on Sunday this year.

Blessings upon the entire community!

The Rev. Sonley Joseph

SEMINARIAN

Thank you all for your prayers and support during the past year. I appreciate your welcome for me every time we meet. I also appreciate your allowing me to stay during this season of transition from one rector to another. I am grateful for the opportunities in worship in the role of a liturgical deacon. It has given me the confidence that is so important in leading worship.

I am thankful for the opportunity to work with the acolytes. They are a real blessing for the church. It was a joy to lead the confirmation class this year. And I cherish the time spent in study with the adults on Sunday mornings. I would also like to thank the members of my Lay Committee: Bryan Moore, Catherine Wheeler, Kathy Clatanoff, and Ken Kolson. Their prayers and advice have been so valuable to my learning toward my ministry in parishes and Emmanuel.

Lastly, I would like to thank our clergy—the Reverends Martha Wallace, Sonley Joseph, and Dan Eckman—for their advice, support, and prayers this past year. A seminarian could do no better for the variety and gifts they present as pastors and leaders.

I look forward to our remaining time together. Jeanne and I will carry you all in our hearts into our future ministry. I will pray for God to send a blessed and skilled priest to join your community.

*Yours in Christ,
Chuck McMillen*

VISION COMMITTEE

The Vision Committee originally comprised the following members:

Co-Chairs: Lola Beggs and Susan Nealon

Consultant and Coach: Beth Tuttle

Committee Members: Beth Boland, Irene Harris, Lee Edgar, and Tom Anderson

Our first activities as a committee centered on capturing the beginnings of a church profile and identifying our top criteria for improvement as we envisioned the future of Emmanuel. Fundamental to these findings was the U.S. Congregational Life Survey deployed at year end 2010 and compiled in early 2011. In March 2011 we held a full day retreat/workshop with the Vestry, and the following month we held a congregational luncheon and workshop to present survey findings. Through guided exercises during this session, we determined the areas where the majority wanted to focus: 1. empowering leadership (clergy and membership), 2. meaningful worship, and 3. caring for children. As a result, the Vestry and our Interim Rector have applied special emphasis to activities aimed at these three areas so that progress can be made during our transitional period. Going forward, a reconstituted Vision Committee will team with the Search Committee to determine next steps in these focus areas and others as designated.

Lola Beggs

TREASURER

Emmanuel Episcopal Church finished 2011 with net income of \$14,566. Year-end cash on hand was \$87,109. At December 31, both revenue and expenses were slightly less than projected in the budget, with expenses almost \$10,000 less than projected. The difference can largely be attributed to lower staffing costs due to the mid-year retirement of The Rev. Dan Eckman. The Vestry exercised its option to draw funds from the Foundation in the amount of \$46,184 to cover clergy housing expense, new signs at the corners of the church, and some hired musicians to build up the choir.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Adams, Treasurer*

Asterisks relating to the 2012 budget on the following Statement of Income and Expenses are explained here:

*Rector Search Campaign - \$20,000 – This is a new income line item in which a special campaign will be conducted this year to enable us to fund the rector search.

*Offerings, Memorials, Flowers, Other - \$30,000 – The \$18,000 increase in this income line item over the 2011 amount is due to an increase in expected memorial donations of which \$10,000 has already been received; funds to be transferred from the Foundation for the choir section leaders (\$5500); and a re-organization of the flower income and expense line items that were previously shown in several separate line items.

*Maintenance, Repairs & Landscaping - \$48,000 – The roughly \$10,000 increase in this expense line item is largely due to the cleaning service we contracted with in May 2011 when our sexton of many years, Sam Wade, departed.

*Salaries - \$182,984 – The salary cost for 2011 was much lower than budgeted due to the mid-year retirement of The Rev. Dan Eckman, and several months without a priest before The Rev. Martha Wallace arrived.

*Worship - \$11,550 – The roughly \$7500 increase of the budget in this line is largely due to the choir section leader expense funded by the Emmanuel Foundation (\$5500) which was budgeted for in Offerings, Memorials, Flowers, Other (see above).

*Christian Education - \$5450 – The roughly \$3600 increase in expenses is due necessary expenses to re-energize our Sunday School and youth group, and a small increase in continuing education allowances for staff.

CHURCH STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
2010 AND 2011 ACTUAL / 2012 BUDGET

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Budget
Annual Giving			
Plate	16,796	12,643	13,000
Current Year Pledge	229,408	233,300	231,769
Prior Year Pledge	4,408	1,335	2,000
Rector Search Campaign	0	0	* 20,000
Subtotal Giving	250,612	247,278	266,769
Other Income			
Investment Income	52,727	52,655	52,600
Fundraising	10,923	11,272	11,000
Offerings, Memorials, Flowers, Other	15,242	11,874	* 30,000
Building Use Fees	11,629	11,990	12,000
PreSchool Reimbursements	8,450	8,450	8,450
PreSchool Annual Contribution	35,000	35,000	35,000
Honduras Mission	0	0	0
Subtotal Other Income	133,972	131,242	149,050
Total Income	384,583	378,519	415,819
Administrative			
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water)	25,576	28,513	28,500
Phone (Incl ADT)	4,193	4,431	2,250
Copier	9,706	4,965	5,500
Other Admin Expenses	12,525	12,938	14,100
Subtotal Administrative	52,001	50,846	50,350
Property			
Mortgage (P&I)	807	0	0
Mortgage Principal (PreSchool Contribution)	314	0	0
Maintenance, Repairs & Landscaping	38,109	37,709	* 48,000
Property Insurance	6,948	7,395	7,500
Subtotal Property	46,178	45,104	55,500
Clergy & Staff			
Salaries, incl housing & bonus	198,787	166,806	* 182,984
Expenses, incl taxes & substitutes	27,966	25,445	32,571
Benefits, incl pension	40,417	34,081	40,891
Subtotal Clergy & Staff	267,171	226,331	256,446
Other Expenses			
Worship	3,310	4,091	* 11,550
Christian Education (Incl confs)	2,089	1,864	* 5,450
Parish Activities	884	1,198	1,500
Shrinemont	991	960	500
Diocesan Pledge	20,000	20,000	23,000
Outreach	12,801	13,559	10,600
Honduras Mission	0	0	0
Subtotal Other Expenses	40,076	41,672	52,600
Total Expenses	405,425	363,953	414,896
Net Income	(20,842)	14,566	923

CHURCH BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2011

	December 31 2010	December 31 2011
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Petty Cash in Office	50	100
Checking Account (BB&T)	27,589	65,100
Interest Bearing Account (BB&T)	21,156	21,909
Total Checking/Savings	48,795	87,109
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Total Current Assets	48,795	87,109
Other Assets		
Investments at Fox-Thomas	247,635	247,635
Land & Building	2,091,496	2,091,496
Furniture & Equipment	73,411	73,411
Total Other Assets	2,412,542	2,412,542
TOTAL ASSETS	2,461,337	2,499,652
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Prepaid Pledges	17,905	33,620
UTO	0	10
Mission Trip	9,573	9,573
Sewing Group	160	40
Altar Guild	0	250
Music Program (Funded by Foundation)	0	(2,130)
403B / Pension	0	4,838
Diocesan Pledge	0	5,000
Funds Due to Preschool Payroll	(92)	93
Total Current Liabilities	27,546	51,294
Long-Term Liabilities	0	0
Total Liabilities	27,546	51,294
Total Equity	2,433,792	2,448,358
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,461,337	2,499,652

EMMANUEL FOUNDATION

The Foundation Board is pleased to report on its activities and accomplishments in 2011.

Finances

In 2011, the Foundation Board transferred \$30,000 to the Church from its Charles Schwab account for the Rector's housing allowance as well as \$5,000 to cover the cost of the Church's new signage and \$1,184 for the Music Program. These expenditures effectively zeroed-out the Schwab account, a path the Board consciously chose given the fees associated with this account. In the fourth quarter, the Foundation authorized a transfer of \$10,000 from Emmanuel's quasi-endowment to cover the final payment of the Rector's housing allowance. During 2011, the quasi-endowment's principal decreased by .04 percent, from \$657,959 to \$655,311.

Membership

The Board's membership declined by one in 2011, with the resignation of Jennifer Adams who wanted to devote more time to her leadership position on the Vestry. Current members include Jane Kolson, President, Kathy Clatanoff, Treasurer, Jerry Boykin, Jim Bradley, Tony Brush, Douglas Garthoff, Donald Simpson, and Rance Willis.

Programming

The Foundation hosted one educational program in 2011, entitled "Legal Issues for Families Impacted by Alzheimer's and Other Mental Disabilities." Once again, Lori Murphy, Esq. was the presenter, and the session attracted about a dozen participants, including several from the pre-school/community.

Bequests and Bequest Commitments Received

The Foundation was pleased to acknowledge three new bequest intentions in 2011—from Hamilton and Lola Beggs, Frank and Beth Boland, and Sarah Orndorff—and to recognize these donors with membership in the 1910 Society.

1910 Society

The membership of the Society grew by three in 2011, making a total of sixteen individual and couple donors.

On May 15, the Foundation hosted a luncheon in honor of members of the Society. Held at the home of Catherine and Douglas Wheeler, the event was enjoyed by fourteen 1910 Society members, including Rector Daniel Eckman.

The Foundation's goals remain those of 1) stewarding Emmanuel's quasi-endowment prudently and 2) offering Emmanuel's parishioners and the larger community regular opportunities to learn about estate planning strategies and, as part of these strategies, planned giving arrangements that can benefit both Emmanuel and its parishioners.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jane Kolson, President*

EMMANUEL FOUNDATION TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Schwab Acct	Diocese (TOTF)
Beginning Value, January 1	6,957.84	657,958.86
Transactions for Period		
Deposits		
Contribution, Jean Simpson ¹	30,000.00	
Interest & Dividends	1.31	
Withdrawals		
1 st Quarter Payment to EEC	(10,000.00)	
2 nd Quarter Payment to EEC	(10,000.00)	
3 rd Quarter Payment to EEC	(10,000.00)	
4 th Quarter Payment to EEC		(10,000.00)
Request from Vestry for new signs	(5,000.00)	
Annual Registration Fee, other fees	(75.00)	
Music Program	(1,884.15)	
Gain (Loss) for the Period		7,352.44
Ending Portfolio Value	0.00	655,311.30
Funds Reserved for Music		
Lois Knox – Beginning Balance	25,000.00	
Less: Piano Movers (2009)	(430.00)	
Less: Choir Section Leaders (2011)	(1,884.15)	
Balance remaining	22,685.85	

Notes:

¹ \$30,000 from the Estate of Jean Simpson was received in 2010 but not deposited until January 2011.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Clatanoff, Treasurer*

EMMANUEL PRESCHOOL

2011 was a terrific year for Emmanuel Preschool. We enrolled a total of 88 students throughout the school year, with 24 two-year-olds, 32 three-year-olds, and 32 four-year-olds in our program. We continue to fill the hallways each Monday through Friday with joyful noises from the children as they participate in the day-to-day activities of the school.

In 2011, the preschool continued to cover our own salaries, social security, furniture, toys, snack, and supply costs. At the same time, the preschool reimbursed the church for some of the overhead costs for the copier, telephones, paper supplies, workers compensation insurance, some cleaning service fees, and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church annual fee. The preschool fiscal year runs from August 1 to July 31 to coincide with the school year.

The preschool held its annual fundraiser, 1..2..3..BLASTOFF! on May 6. It was a tremendous success and netted close to \$30,000. The parish hall was transformed into outer space with a beautiful starry night, large-as-life aliens, rockets bursting in air, and many wonderful decorations created by the committee and by Emmanuel's parents and children. The fundraiser featured silent and live auctions, with many wonderful items donated by our parents and local businesses. We also had beautiful furniture painted by our parents; hand-made pillows made by our parents and our administrative assistant, which featured self portraits drawn by the green and yellow fours and four/fives; children's hand art featured on various products such as notepaper, tiles, magnets, potholders, etc.; black and white photos of each child in the preschool; several raffles; and delicious food and drink. As always, it was a wonderful evening.

The preschool made a number of additions to a commemorative tile wall in the back stairwell that leads to the playground. It is a wonderful way that children can be remembered forever at the preschool and we expect the wall to continue to grow each year.

Emmanuel Preschool continues to be a magical place where children are encouraged to learn through teacher-supported play and to find joy in learning.

Annual Tuition	Days per Week	Class	Teachers	Number of Students
\$3,150	Th/F	Red 2s	Sarah Higgins, Robin Wells	8
\$3,150	Th/F	Sea Green 2s	Donna Connor, Julie Dwyer	8
\$3,150	Th/F	Blue 2s	Chris Howell, Caitlin Rockwell	8
\$3,800	M/T/W	Orange 3s	Judy Davis, Anne Hubbard	10
\$3,800	M/T/W	Purple 3s	Sarah Higgins, Mary Anne Troxell	11
\$3,800	M/T/W	Sky Blue 3s	Donna Connor, Julie Dwyer	11
\$5,150	M-F	Green 4s	Margaret Macensky, Cappie Stiers	16
\$5,150	M-F	Yellow 4/5s	Sue Tyson, Anne Brewster	16
		Fours' Aide	Sara Tiedemann	
		Director	Rebecca Harmon	
		Administrative Assistant	Karen Wykle	
		Resource Parents	Missy Santoro Estabrook Mollee Hansen	

This year there are 77 families in the preschool and 88 students. There are 12 families from Emmanuel Church. Most students come from the area around the church with the largest number from the 22301 zip code area.

Preschool Board

Rector	The Rev. Martha Wallace
Director	Rebecca Harmon
Chairman	Karla Carpenter
Secretary	Margaret Wohler
Teacher Representative	Sarah Higgins
Vestry Representative	Nancy Dupree
Board Members	Gene Lange
	Emily Babcock
	Robert Dietrick
	Christian Rockwell

The Preschool Board meets in October, January, and May. We appreciate the support of the Board. They oversee the preschool, make suggestions, and allow for a healthy autonomy. The Board is comprised of Emmanuel Church members, with one teacher who may or may not be a member of the church.

Becky Harmon

PRESCHOOL BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

Assets	
Current Assets	
Certificates of Deposit	27,775
Checking Account	43,471
Money Market	85,925
Petty Cash	<u>30</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>157,201</u>
Total Assets	<u>157,201</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Advance Tuition	12,433
Advance Deposits	35,285
Insurance Claim	<u>291</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>48,009</u>
Equity	
Total Equity	<u>109,191</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>157,201</u>

PRESCHOOL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Income	
Tuition (including summer camp)	373,385
Fundraiser (net of expenses)	31,048
Supply Fees	14,045
Registration Fees	8,640
Other Income	<u>184</u>
Total Income	427,302
 Expenses	
Salaries (including summer camp)	352,009
Contributions to Emmanuel Church	35,000
School & Camp Supplies, Snacks, Hospitality	9,071
Office Supplies and Equipment	10,904
Maintenance and Repairs	9,033
Trips, Assemblies, Parent Resources	4,063
Substitutes	3,040
Professional Dues, Fees, Licenses	711
Insurance	<u>1,250</u>
Total Expenses	425,081
 Net Income	 2,221

SENIOR WARDEN

Well, it has certainly been a busy year. When I took on the responsibility of Senior Warden, we had just learned that Father Dan was retiring as of July 31. Talk about a daunting way to start the year! Fortunately, we had the time to prepare and to say a proper “farewell” to Dan and Barbara with the party at Stewart and Christina Bartley’s beautiful home and then a coffee hour celebration.

During August and early September we enjoyed the services of several supply clergy including our own Sonley Joseph as well as Judith Stuart, the mother of parishioner Cassandra Clark. Then, thanks to the good work of Bud Clatanoff, Sarah Orndorff, and Andrea McBarnette, we have been blessed with Martha Wallace’s presence as our interim rector. She came to us in mid-September and has been guiding us to new heights since. She has certainly raised the bar for our expectations of our new rector. We celebrated her arrival with a combination homecoming and welcome brunch, and thanks again to Ruth Bilodeau for organizing that event.

October brought our stewardship campaign. While we did reach our goals of eleven or more new pledges (we have 14! Thank you!), we had fifteen fewer returning pledgers than in the prior year. So we have had difficult decisions to make with our budget, which had to be cut by almost \$40,000. But I am confident that resources will become available and we will be able to add back some of the cuts to requests.

The Christmas Bazaar was ably chaired by Nancy Dupree – thank you Nancy! – and of course was a great success. We had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season with a very successful Breakfast with St. Nicholas. For the first time we did not have a late Christmas Eve service and held the one service at 4 p.m. – combining music and communion with a No Rehearsal Christmas pageant, complete with birthday cake for the baby Jesus. I believe that was a brilliant move and I thoroughly enjoyed the combined service. We'll look at doing that again next year with input from the congregation.

We dodged the bullet this year with our very mild winter and have not needed to shovel snow although we did have some flooding in the Memorial Room that required after-hours work removing the water. Thanks to Nancy Kuhn, Bucky Mills, and Paul Frank for being willing to give up their evenings to take care of the problems.

By the time you read this our Search Committee will be in place. They will have the task of preparing our parish profile which should be made easier by the work of the Vision committee. Once that has been accomplished, we can post the position with the Diocese and the National Church. The committee will then begin the process of reviewing resumes, scheduling interviews and parish visits, and finally making a recommendation to the Vestry. This entire process can take anywhere from 6 to 18 months. We will be hiring a consultant to assist and guide the committee. I know everyone here at Emmanuel will support the committee as they take on this very important role.

I have enjoyed serving as your Senior Warden this year. I look forward to continuing my service on the Vestry for the balance of my term and supporting the individual who will take on this role for the new parish year.

*Faithfully yours,
Barbie Frank, Senior Warden*

JUNIOR WARDEN

At the end of 2011 the building and grounds of Emmanuel Church remain in fairly good condition. However, parishioners should be aware that: a) our most recent renovations are now ten years old; and, b) our more recent financial commitments have allowed for basic maintenance and essential repairs but not any significant capital improvements. In other words, we have maintained, but little improved, our physical plant.

One noticeable improvement to the appearance of Emmanuel's property in the last year came in the form of three new signs, announcing Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Preschool, which were installed on the corners of our property. The purchase and installation of these signs was a project both initiated and executed by our prior Junior Warden, Lee Edgar.

As our parishioners (and preschool parents) are probably aware, Emmanuel Church is built upon steeply-sloped clay soil, with the integrity of our basement areas further threatened by the existence of underground springs. Hence, keeping our preschool classrooms and the offices free from water intrusion is an ongoing problem, greatly exacerbated this past year by record-level rain-falls in August and September. At year's end a contract was awarded for the installation of a sub-floor "water guard" drainage system, feeding into a sump pump, in the Memorial Room. We believe

(hope?) this will solve the most significant ongoing “wet basement” problem which has plagued Emmanuel.

We should also note the departure of our long-serving Sexton, Samuel Wade, in the middle of the year. Sam’s absence resulted in a series of very ad hoc adjustments to the duties of our cleaning contractor, recruiting volunteers to move furniture, and the hiring of a part-time Sexton. This building maintenance juggling act has been most admirably performed by our Parish Administrator, Kelli Cortis.

Bud Clatanoff, Junior Warden

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is made up of a very dedicated group of volunteers who serve under the direction of the Rector. We make sure that the church is ready for Sunday morning worship, as well as baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other special services. We set up communion, polish the brass and silver, mark the lessons, fill the oil candles, mark the number boards, and arrange the flowers. Four teams of 3–5 people serve on a rotating basis. Listed below are the members who served during 2011.

Christina Bartley	Peggy Conner	Barbara Helsing
Lola Beggs	Beth Tuttle	Mary Ann Frank
Irene Harris	Kim Scott	Molly Watson
Lucy Mustin	Nancy Dupree	Amanda Wallingford
Jeannie Lange	Kathy Clatanoff	Cappie Stiers
Mary Tinsley	Larry Tinsley	Rance Willis

Thank you all for your dedication and indeed hard work, helping our church be ready for Sunday service every week. It is very much a service of love, but also an offering of time when perhaps we have family obligations, or other events going on, either at work or at home.

Once again, we would also like to remind everyone in the parish to support us with donations to our weekly flower fund. Take a moment to consider how you or your family might celebrate a special occasion. Then select a date and note your intention on the calendar posted for this purpose on the bulletin board in the parish hall, or go to e-giving found on our website. We suggest \$50.

Christina Bartley, Co-Chair
Lola Beggs, Co-Chair

MUSIC

Emmanuel has had an interesting year of growth, change, and transition. A nice addition to our music-making was the renovation of the old music office into a small (and brighter) rehearsal room. Our musical groups (guitarists, children’s and adult choirs) have enjoyed working in this tiny but comfortable (for small groups) and acoustically sound space.

Children's Choir. Our children's choir has grown this year to a total of 15+ children! They love to sing and participate in services, as well as work with any musical instruments (such as drums, bells, or recorders). Some of the children who have sung recently are:

Hannah	Nellie	Henry
Josh	Katie	Eleanor
Andrew	Thomas	Jason
Haley	Gabriel	John
Bailey	Wyatt	Oliver

Adult Choir. Our adult choir has begun using outside section leaders in order to stabilize the four vocal parts of the group (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass). We continue to seek out regular members and hope that a stable core of vocal section leaders will assist in building the group. Our adult choir members who sang this year were:

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Bass/Baritones
Carol Clark	Karen Coda	Bucky Mills	Bud Clatanoff
Nancy Dupree	Vonda Delawie	Douglas Wheeler	Chuck Devarics
Barbie Frank	Claire Haymes	Rance Willis	Bryan Moore
Chris Makris	Meredith Wade		
Anne Seville			
Margaret Wohler			

I would like to extend a very special and heartfelt thanks to all the choir members who have shown such commitment to this group during a difficult year!

Guitar Circle. The Emmanuel Guitar Circle meets weekly. We have had a fun and successful year learning many new songs, both sacred and secular, and church tunes. We have played all of the music for the two Shrine Mont Sundays and also for the entire Christmas Day service. This year we will provide music for two additional Sundays (in lieu of hiring an outside organist for vacation subbing). Members and participants this year were:

Stewart Bartley	Beth Boland	Perry Conner	Tom Conner
Keith Jackson	Bucky Mills	Stephanie Reiser	

Guest musicians this year at Emmanuel were pianist Paul Frank (always a joy to hear Paul play during services/gatherings at the church or at Shrine Mont), guitarist David Perry, Stephen Beggs on drums and Easter trumpeter Patrick O'Connor.

Sincere thanks to all Emmanuel musicians and to the Emmanuel Parish as we continue to seek out our musical voices, to share the Holy Spirit through music-making and song, and work (through music) to enlighten everyone's spiritual journey at Emmanuel.

Linda Maguire

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

The ranks of lay readers and chalice bearers continue to shrink. The good news is that the shrinkage last year was minor. All of you are welcome to participate in this meaningful ministry. It is very rewarding and critical to the continued viability of our parish. Please talk to me or call the church office if you are interested in trying out this ministry. I want to thank those who have continued to serve.

Lay Readers:

Jennifer Adams	Beth Boland	Kathy Clatanoff
Lee Edgar	Barbie Frank	Ken Kolson
Nancy Kuhn	Sarah Orndorff	Catherine Wheeler

Chalice/Prayers:

Jennifer Adams	Ham Beggs	Beth Boland
Barbie Frank	Allan Knutsen	Nancy Kuhn
Sarah Orndorff	Catherine Wheeler	

This is a great group of people that would be happy to see you join them. Free training available!

Jerry Boykin

USHERS

I want to take this opportunity to thank the current roster of ushers for their ministry during the 10:30 a.m. services, including Jennifer Adams, Lola Beggs, Beth Boland, Jerry Boykin, Bob Carragher, Doug Garthoff, Phil Kasik, Nancy Kuhn, Pete Petersen, Jeanne McMillen, and Russ Haymes. I also want to thank the ushers for the 8:00 a.m. services including Larry Tinsley, Meredith Wade, Don Simpson, and Oscar Fitzgerald.

This is a wonderful ministry of hospitality and it requires minimal training. We invite all of you to consider joining this ministry. It is difficult to predict availability for ushering several weeks in advance due to illness or other unexpected changes in schedules; and as summer approaches, vacations will also have an impact on the availability of members of the usher team. There is no limit on the size of the usher team. For those in the congregation that can help us out, please contact me (703-836-5036 or rc54d@nih.gov). Again I want to express my thanks to the team who helped out this year.

Bob Callahan

ACOLYTES

I would like to thank all the young people who serve at the altar on Sunday. Please, when you see them, thank them:

Andy Frank	Henry Watson	Jimmy Carragher
Kelly Dervarics	Katherine Conner	Perry Conner
Thomas Conner	Will Stiers	

We are blessed to have young people who are excited and willing to serve at the Lord's table. Our young people have very full schedules, and I appreciate their serving the parish and making this ministry a priority in their lives.

In particular, I want to thank the graduating seniors Andy Frank, Jimmy Carragher, and Thomas Conner for their years of ministry. I also want to thank Bob Carragher for stepping in to assist when needed.

Any time you see one of our acolytes past and present, please tell how much you appreciate their ministry in our midst.

Chuck McMillen

COUNTERS

We have four teams of counters who faithfully collect your offerings after each service. They then count the cash, arrange the pledge envelopes in numerical order and the loose checks in alphabetical order, and complete a short form report confirming the total of checks and cash received. The recordation of pledge and other income into the church's accounting is then done the following Monday morning by our Parish Administrator, Kelli Corts. It is particularly helpful if each team has at least three members, and thus you can see we need additional volunteers. It is a very simple process which takes no more than 10 or 15 minutes after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service. If this is a ministry you think you could do once a month, please contact me or call the church office.

Team #1 – Pete Petersen and Joe Scott
Team #2 – Barbara Harslem, Bud Clatanoff, and Joe Dresen
Team #3 – Jim Bradley, Bob Callahan, and Phil Kasik
Team #4 – Rance Willis and Barbara Helsing

Jim Bradley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

A corps of dedicated baristas provide coffee, tea, and sweets for Emmanuel's post-service fellowship. As individuals each Sunday or as a group for special events like the Bishop's visit and the fall kickoff brunch at which we welcomed Martha Wallace, we are pleased to accomplish our caffeine-and-sugar mission each week.

The 2011 Baristas were:

Barbara Helsing	Sandy Robbins	Elizabeth Johnson
Jennifer Adams	Anne Seville	Jane & Ken Kolson
Bambara Family	Market Family	Catherine Wheeler
Gudrun Callahan	Margaret Wohler	Marybeth Edgar

Special thanks go to Barbara Helsing for conducting inventory, purchasing supplies, and making sure that coffee hour is fully stocked.

Jennifer Adams

A note from Martha Wallace about coffee hour

Hey everyone, Do the math! There are 52 services and this list has only 12 families or individuals on it, so on average they have to host four or more coffee hours every year. We all enjoy coffee hour, so how about pitching in and having your family do a coffee hour once or twice a year! What do you say? Call Jennifer to volunteer. And thanks to all of you who do it so often!

INREACH

The main purpose of the Inreach Committee is to keep in touch with members of the congregation in various ways – whether in a crisis, during an ongoing illness, or when checking on folks we have not seen in awhile – generally letting our members know we are concerned about them and want to be available when needed. This may include taking meals, visiting, keeping the prayer list active and up-to-date, and keeping the bulletin boards current and informational. There are many people at Emmanuel who are very involved in Inreach without actually being on any committee. We like to try and keep up with our friends at the Goodwin Houses and those who are no longer able to come to a service at Emmanuel. There is always a need for volunteers to take flowers after a Sunday Service.

The committee, including Nancy Dupree, Barbara Harslem, Nancy Kuhn, Meredith Wade, and Jim Bradley, will be working on “Doors of Welcome,” making the foyer a more welcoming area and entrance to the church. It will be a focal point for advertising parish activities and sign-ups.

Nancy Dupree

OUTREACH

Emmanuel’s Communion service on Sunday often ends with a prayer that includes these words:

*“...And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord...”*

For many years, the people of Emmanuel have done this work by providing assistance to the needy, mainly through Outreach programs here in Alexandria. In some instances this has entailed grants to local charitable organizations, but more often it has involved Emmanuel volunteers reaching out to our neighbors.

In 2011, Emmanuel provided financial and/or volunteer support to:

- **Kid's Closet.** This program originated at Emmanuel. Through it, diapers, wipes, and other support went to Alexandria families affected by HIV/AIDS.
- **Bag Lunch.** A group of Alexandria churches took turns providing lunches to local homeless and needy. Every seventh week, Emmanuel volunteers prepared, packaged, and delivered some 60 bag lunches a day to Meade Memorial Church, where the meals were served.
- **ALIVE!** Working with Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically, we held two food drives during 2011, and the food was distributed to the needy of Alexandria.
- **Carpenter's Shelter.** Emmanuel contributed to the shelter, and our volunteers served in its lunchroom and as receptionists.
- **Meals on Wheels.** Volunteers from Emmanuel and the community delivered meals to Alexandria's elderly and/or bedridden on the first Monday of the month.
- **Giving/Angel Tree.** During this past Advent, a Christmas tree hung with "wish" tags for local needy children was again placed by the church doors. And again, Emmanuel's parishioners fulfilled all the wishes.
- **Others.** Donations and other support also were given in 2011 to Community Lodgings, Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, Bethany House (for battered women), the Boys' Home in Covington, Virginia, a medical/dental program in Honduras, a relief fund in Haiti, and a scholarship fund at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Among the Emmanuel volunteers who worked in these programs were Sue Anderson, Lola Beggs, Jim Bradley, Judy Brush, Gudrun Callahan, Karen Coda, Nancy Dupree, Bayanne Hauhart, Mary Kasik, Nancy Kuhn and Bucky Mills, Chris Makris, Nieta and Sandy Morrison, Larry Tinsley, Trish Tyler, Meredith Wade, Amanda and Jeff Wallingford, Catherine Wheeler, Anne Withers, and Margaret Wohler, and right up until her death last fall, Annette Sirmon. . If I have overlooked any of our wonderful volunteers, I sincerely apologize.

Fred De Luca

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School. Emmanuel's Sunday School is flourishing due to a wonderful group of students, dedicated teachers, supportive parents and church members, and the energy and imagination of Pastor Martha.

Our goals, since September, have been to develop a robust roster of teachers and re-energize our very good Episcopal Children's Curriculum to be almost self-sustaining. We've made good progress in both areas.

Regarding our teachers: Pastor Martha has inspired us to move toward fulfilling the Diocesan recommendations of having two adults in each class and encouraging teachers to participate in one of the Diocesan workshops on Prevention of Sexual Harassment and Child Abuse. Kelli Cortis arranged to have one of these given at Emmanuel and we had about 12 participants. All who attended felt it was very worthwhile. We encourage everyone who is working with young people in our church to enroll in one of the workshops.

Pastor Martha hosted a luncheon meeting for all those interested in helping in the Sunday School. At that meeting, Sunday School parents voiced the request to reach beyond the current parent group for teachers and involve other adults. We have had good success in doing this and are grateful to all who have offered to participate in this important ministry.

Regarding our students: We have 42 Sunday School age children on our rolls. Many of these students fill multiple roles in our church—as singers in the junior choir and as acolytes, also helping in the classrooms. Attendance on Sunday averages about 20. From a personal perspective I must add that without exception they are a wonderful group to teach—curious, enthusiastic, eager to learn and above all, kind to each other. Their parents are all wholeheartedly supportive of the Sunday School.

Regarding our curriculum: We continue to use a curriculum developed by Virginia Theological Seminary: *Episcopal Childrens' Curriculum*, which is structured in a three year cycle for grade levels PreK/K, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6. Within a year, the four segments are devoted to Old Testament, New Testament, The Church, and Worship. It offers many imaginative activities for exploring the stories and issues. Another of its strengths is the brief but powerful preparation given for the teacher within each lesson. It is theologically accessible for the novice and the veteran teacher. We have benefited greatly from the organizational work that Sonya Sowards (wife of a former seminarian) did a few years ago. Our challenge now is to keep the materials (bountiful) up to date as the VTS considers re-writing it. In the next year, however, we will be examining other possibilities in use by fellow Episcopalians.

The 3 age-group structure is serving our students well. The challenge for us to continue accordingly will be to provide full staffing—six adults for each of four teaching terms, as well as getting parents to bring their children to Sunday School as often as they can.

All is not serious in Sunday School: We've had special visits from our clergy, celebrations with all the students together, tasting of special foods, Bible history mapped out on the floor in the hallways, good music, role-playing (even a tent in one classroom), and always cheerful encouragement to everyone.

We are very grateful to Pastor Martha for creating delightful new experiences for our students—the special celebration of All Saints, blessing of the animals, and an exuberant, all-can-participate, Christmas Pageant (written by the Rev. Dr. Bill Doggett).

For the coming year, we look forward to hiring a Director of Christian Education to help our Emmanuel Sunday School thrive and grow.

With my profound gratitude to all who have worked so hard in keeping our Sunday School vibrant—

Our FABULOUS teachers and assistants:

Mrs. Stiers	Mrs. Bilodeau	Mrs. Harslem
Mrs. Watson	Miss Claire Bilodeau	Mrs. Clatanoff
Mrs. Haymes	Mr. Dietrick	Miss Amy Tuttle

Our supporting cast: Kelli Cortis who always goes the extra mile for us; and Kenny Quiroga who cares for our classrooms on Sunday nights.

Catherine Wheeler

Confirmation. Our seminarian, Chuck McMillen, led a confirmation class in the fall for six young members of Emmanuel. They were confirmed by Bishop Johnston at Emmanuel Church on November 20.

Youth Group. Beyond annual activities like the Pancake Supper, the Youth Group has not been very active in the past year. We are looking at ways to energize the youth group by joining together with nearby churches, participating in more diocesan activities, and recruiting more adult leadership.

Adult Education. (Chuck McMillen and Lou Brown contributed to this report) Last year's Adult Education programs included:

- An Epiphany Book study with VTS Professor Stephen Cook's *Conservations with Scripture Second Isaiah*. Dr. Cook came once to talk to the class.
- A Lenten program with Adam Hamilton's DVD and Book study *24 Hours That Changed the World*
- A fall program using Adam Hamilton's DVD and Book study *Christianity and World Religions*
- An All Soul's Day program and display by Martha Wallace
- An Advent exploration of the birth narratives of Luke, Matthew, and John

In addition, Beth Boland completed her 4 year course of EfM.

Respectfully submitted
The Rev. Dr. Bill Doggett
Interim Director of Christian Education

20S AND 30S GROUP

20s and 30s Group. The 20s and 30s Group this year had some great fun! We attended a beer tasting with Bishop Johnston, helped ALIVE! deliver furniture to a family in need, and wiled away a summer evening at a picnic. Looking forward to another great year!

Sarah Orndorff

SEWING AND CRAFT GROUP

The Sewing and Craft Group provides many items for our annual holiday bazaar. We also offer a selection of Christmas/holiday ornaments and decorations as well as many other handmade items. Hand-knit baby items such as blankets, sweaters, and hats are especially popular.

The Sewing and Craft Group meets each Wednesday from 10:30 to 1:30 in the Pat Burnham Sewing Room. Members (and associate members) include Dottie Gibson, Dorothy Pitta, Judy Carlton, Mary Kasik, Sheila Beattie, Nancy Dupree, Jeanne Feden, Mary Tinsley, Meredith Wade, and Gudrun Callahan.

We are always happy to welcome new members! If you are unable to attend our weekly meetings but are able to work at home, we can supply kits for you.

Nancy Dupree

FUNDRAISING

Holiday Bazaar. Emmanuel's annual Holiday Bazaar, our biggest fundraiser, held November 5, was a great success, raising \$9400. We departed from tradition with a luncheon of soup and salad, and hot dogs and chips. There were 10 vendors who were very pleased with being there and liked our "low key comfortable" atmosphere. The basket made by the Preschool was a great raffle item. As usual, we had the traditional bake sale, sewing/craft group, almost-new gifts, children's activities, and silent auction.

*Mary Ann Frank, Co-Chair
Nancy Dupree, Co-Chair*

Yard Sale. Again this year, three nights and a day of hard work proved to be fun and successful! An amazing \$2,000 was raised. The yard sale is more of a community outreach and parish "bonding" event than it is a true fundraiser, and a big thanks go to all of the dedicated helpers! We will again have a yard sale in 2012 co-chaired by Margaret Wohler and Nancy Dupree so start saving your "treasurers" now!

*Nancy Dupree, Co-Chair
Vonda Delawie, Co-Chair*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Shrine Mont Retreat. Emmanuel Episcopal Church held its annual Shrine Mont weekend on May 20–22, 2011, and will return in 2012 on May 4–6. We changed the program from previous years by reducing the amount of structured programming and including more free time for families and friends to relax and enjoy the community of our parish. The weather was beautiful and mild, allowing us to take full advantage of hiking, playing around the pond, a hayride, golf, a bonfire, painting, games, and the opportunity to just sit around and talk. The food was great, as usual, and our Shrine Mont hosts were very accommodating. Lee and Marybeth Edgar, Joe and Kim Scott, and others have started to organize the May 4–6, 2012, weekend. The program will be very much the same with lots of free time, but with the possible addition of a small structured session such as a Bible study for those parishioners seeking a bit more. We are looking forward to another great weekend with friends and family.

Joe Scott

Emmanuel's Annual Fall Kick-Off Dinner. On Sunday, September 18, we held our annual fall "kick-off" event. This year we had a delicious brunch following the 10:30 a.m. service. At this event we welcomed our Interim Rector, The Reverend Martha Wallace. The brunch menu featured egg casseroles and many tasty breakfast pastries. There was a waffle "bar" for the kids with all the toppings a kid could want. Activities were available to entertain the children while the adults enjoyed socializing. The event was well attended – over 75 people. All this was made possible with the help of over 40 people!

Ruth Bilodeau

Blessing of the Animals. In honor of St. Francis, The Rev. Martha Wallace and Chuck McMillen, our seminarian, conducted a short prayer service for the animals. Due to rain, the service was conducted in the foyer. Church members and our Alexandria neighbors brought their pets and pictures and well wishes for animals. Martha and Chuck gave a personal blessing to each cat and dog and even to a photograph of a dog unable to be present. During the gathering, the cats and dogs

maintained fairly cordial relations. Afterwards, there were plenty of snacks for the animals as well as for their human friends. The event was advertised on the following local community listservs:

delrayparents@yahoogroups.com
delraymoms@yahoogroups.com
alexplaygroup@yahoogroups.com

Andrea McBarnette

Breakfast with Saint Nicholas. A large number of children and their families enjoyed breakfast with St. Nick in 2011. During the 10:30 a.m. service Pastor Martha told the true story of St. Nicholas. The breakfast started after the service. Children who left their shoes in the Parish Hall during the service received gold chocolates coins. There was a suggested contribution of \$10 per family. Molly Watson chaired the event and Jerry Boykin delighted the children as St. Nick. The event was advertised on the local community list serves: delrayparents@yahoogroups.com, delraymoms@yahoogroups.com, and alexplaygroup@yahoogroups.com.

Andrea McBarnette

Christmas Pageant

In 2011, due to a steadily shrinking attendance at the 10 or 11 p.m. service over the past years, and the difficulty of having adequate members of the choir at that late hour, the Vestry stepped out boldly to concentrate our energy on one Intergenerational Christmas Eve Service, with lots of beautiful music, a No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant in which every child who came to church could participate, and singing Silent Night in the darkened church by candle light after communion. All of this was topped off with birthday cake for the baby Jesus. We welcomed over three hundred people to that service! And by having it at 4 p.m., we got everyone home in time to have dinner with the family on Christmas Eve.

Martha Wallace

Goodwin House Dinners. Dinners are held twice a year, in the spring and fall. Emmanuel parishioners living at Goodwin House Alexandria and Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads are invited. Milton Jobe, an Emmanuel parishioner living at Goodwin House Alexandria, coordinates arrangements for the dinner with the residents and staff of Goodwin House. Typically, about a dozen parishioners—including Pastor Martha, residents, and non-residents—attend and enjoy a full course, sit-down dinner with wine. It is a wonderful way to stay in touch with our fellow parishioners at Goodwin House. Please see Nancy Dupree or Jim Bradley if you would like to participate in the program.

Jim Bradley

Petting Zoo. The Annual Petting Zoo celebrating St. Francis remains one of Emmanuel's best loved and well attended traditions. Emmanuel's backyard is transformed into a petting zoo after the 10:30 a.m. service. In 2011, a young lamb, llama, donkey, and pig all strolled around Emmanuel's playground. Ducks, chickens, and rabbits were also in attendance. A large number of parishioners and some of our Alexandria neighbors came and enjoyed petting the animals and marveling at God's creations. The event was advertised on the local community list serves: delrayparents@yahoogroups.com, delraymoms@yahoogroups.com, and alexplaygroup@yahoogroups.com.

Andrea McBarnette

Newcomer Lunch. The Newcomer's Luncheon was held on October 23, 2011, in the Memorial Room after the 10:30 a.m. service. Ten invitations were sent to newcomers, including some who missed last year's Newcomer Lunch. Childcare hours were extended for those parents with small children. After sending the initial invitations, we followed up with anyone who had not yet responded. There were eight newcomers at the luncheon in addition to Pastor Martha and several parishioners.

*Christina Bartley, Co-Chair
Sarah Orndorff, Co-Chair*

Super Bowl Party. The Super Bowl committee consists of Gene Lange, Greg Lange, and Bucky Mills. We put the party together using the good graces of Greg, who donated the use of his TV, and Gene, who bought barbeque for about 50 people. Bucky provided certain communication skills which were greatly needed. We greatly appreciate the number of people who came. To a person, they said how much fun they had this year and how they looked forward to next year. As Greg Lange has just inaugurated a new smoker, Emmanuel will enlist that service as well next year and enjoy his outstanding culinary abilities. Both Bucky and I enjoy putting this event on and we both consider it a very nice Outreach event at Emmanuel.

Gene Lange