A Ghostly Gathering
Saturday, October 28 | 7:00 PM | Parish Hall

Come one, come all to an adult Halloween Costume Party! Book your babysitter now! Fun begins at 7:00 p.m.

ун We'll have fun mystery boxes, silent and live auction, costume prizes, music, beer/wine/soda/water, and plenty of food for snacking.

Price of admission only $40 per person ($80 without costume).

Proceeds from the party will go to the Emmanuel Church Foundation, so come ready to be generous.

Cash, checks, credit cards accepted for admission and for purchases. Extra donations to the Foundation gladly accepted.

Please make reservations with Barbara Huffman or Emily McNaughton to ensure that we have plenty of food.

If you have an item(s) for the auction or wish to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please let us know as soon as possible.
## Strategically Thinking...

The vestry invites and encourages everyone to think about “stepping stones” and “big ideas” for Emmanuel to do now and over the next 5 years, following our strategic plan. In October, think about the theme, *Connected to Tradition*.

- What are some of our traditions that you cherish?
- What could we do better?
- What is a “big idea” that you would wish for in the next 5 years?

## From the Strategic Plan: Connected to Tradition

Emmanuel Episcopal Church (EEC) is a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church USA, and the Diocese of Virginia. We share many doctrines and faith traditions with our Catholic, Protestant, and Evangelical brothers and sisters, but while open to all, we are committed to keeping the Episcopal tradition in our liturgy, theology, and engagement with the wider community.

The church’s leaders (lay and ordained alike) are called on to consider strategies to invest in the continued expression of our Episcopal tradition, while welcoming new ideas for how we can worship together in the future. For example, we recommend developing specific plans to:

- Expand the Music Program
- Tailor our Worship Service Calendar to the Community’s Needs
- Support the Education of Episcopal Seminarians

Share your comments by talking to a vestry member (listed on page 3), filling out a pew card, using the [contact form](#) online or sending an email to [Kelli](#).
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Questions? Contact Joani.

2017 Vestry

Adam Schildge (Senior Warden)
Meredith Wade (Junior Warden)
Katie Kelly / Emily McNaughton (Worship)
Margaret Wohler / Chris Yanilos (Education)
Katie Deemer (Service)
Lola Beggs / Greg Shannon (Fellowship)
Joe Dresen / Aaron Flaen (Stewardship)
Gene Lange (Treasurer)
Sarah Kolo (Clerk)

Contacts for Ministry Teams

Worship

Team Coordinator: Nancy Dupree
Acolytes: Kelly and Joe Dresen
Altar Guild: Peggy Conner
Counters: Jim Bradley
Guitar Circle: Stewart Bartley
Music & Choir: Ryan Fitch
Readers (8:00): Suji Kelly
Readers and Chalice (10:30): Jerry Boykin
Ushers: Bob Callahan

Education

Team Coordinators: Joani Peacock
Toni Buranen
Adult Spiritual Formation: Beth Boland
Sunday School: Toni Buranen
Youth: Janie Piemonte
Preschool: Ressa Jones

Service

Team Coordinator: Sean Ellis
Adult Summer Service Trip: Joe Grassia
ALIVE!: Sarah Orndorff
Bag Lunch Program: Karen Coda
Carpenter’s Shelter Breakfast: Jennifer Jones
Carpenter’s Shelter: Dinner: Bonnie Lilley
Community Lodgings: Barbara Hanslem
Giving Tree: Rachel Klewer
Haiti: John Maass
Haitian Coffee Sales: Kim Scott
Meals on Wheels: Katie Kelly
Refugee Family: Kim Scott
United Thank Offering: Bonnie Fairbank
Yard Sale: Frank & Laura Elgin

Fellowship

Team Coordinator: Jennifer Jones
Breakfast with St. Nick: Courtney Keplinger
Coffee Hour Baristas: Elena Mazzeo
Craft & Sewing Group: Godrun Callahan
Easter Egg Hunt: Eileen Gorman
Prime Timers: Jim Bradley
Shrine Mont Parish Retreat: Joe Scott
Super Bowl: Gene Lange
Twenties & Thirties (TnT): Leo Cruz

Stewardship

Team Coordinator: Adam Schildge
Annual Giving: Jane Kolson; Jim Bialick
Building and Grounds: Dwayne Piepenburg
Finance: Stewart Bartley
Foundation: Jane Kolson

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Greetings all,

If you know me even a little bit, you know that autumn is my favorite season. For a million reasons: cooler, crisper weather (I love winter, too!), apple picking, apple cider, long pants and sweaters, etc. I also love the fiery color of the trees and the reminder of a God that reveals God’s self in creation. Wow! My kids love Halloween and Advent and the holidays come a little closer. (The anticipation is the best…)

I wonder if we all might find ways to slow down a little during this very busy time of year and take it all in. Breathe in the cool, crisp air. Linger with our kids over apple cider. Embrace their joy — and the chaos! — in deciding what they will wear to go trick-or-treating, maybe even create a homemade costume out of things already in your closets and drawers. Take a trip to a corn maze or apple orchard. Creation is God shouting for joy and with love for us! Yea, God! Here’s to taking in the present moment and celebrating it with grateful hearts.

Sunday school and God & Donuts have gotten off to a fabulous start. If for some reason you are not receiving my emails, let me know! Read on for more information and many thanks for sharing your kids with us.

Warmly,

Toni

"October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came,—
The Ashes, Oaks, and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The sunshine spread a carpet,
And every thing was grand;
Miss Weather led the dancing;
Professor Wind, the band....
The sight was like a rainbow
New-fallen from the sky...."

~George Cooper

Coming Up

Youth Sunday. October 1 at the 10:30 a.m. service. The children will be singing a song during the service. Please arrive at 10:00 a.m. so that they may practice and feel comfortable getting up in front of the congregation.

Pet Blessing. After the 10:30 a.m. service coffee hour on October 1, bring your beloved, non-humans to receive a blessing from Joani and Chuck!

October Dates for Sunday School. October 15, 22, and 29, beginning at 10:15 a.m. Please note that Sunday school does not meet on holiday weekends.

October Dates for God & Donuts. October 1 and 15 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. If you child is in 6th to 12th grade we encourage them to come on over and check it out!

PYM Fall Day of Service. PYM, Parish Youth Ministries, the diocesan youth ministry program for grades 6 to 12, sponsors a fall day of service every October. This year it is on October 14. If your son or daughter is interested in participating, please reach out to Janie Piemonte.

On Site Service Projects — Volunteers Needed.
Are you looking for an opportunity to give back? Would you like to get involved in a super-easy, but rewarding ministry of service with our parish children? We have some great ideas and are happy to do all the legwork! We just need folks who are willing to implement them after the 10:30 a.m. service coffee hour. All you need to do is oversee a table, an easy project, and be willing to guide the children and youth who want to participate. This is a minimum amount of time — 30 to 45 minutes tops, maybe 4 times during the year, but has a long-lasting impact, nurturing in our children hearts of service. If you plan to be at church anyway, then why not, right? Intrigued? Reach out to Toni.
Why We Love Sunday School and God & Donuts

As teachers who have children in Emmanuel’s wonderful Sunday School and/or God and Donuts program, we doubly benefit. With that, we wanted to share our perspectives about why this program means so much to us — and why we hope our community is excited to participate in and support it as we begin another year of this beautiful tradition.

"One of my favorite parts of teaching Sunday School is seeing the kids in other settings like the Service or coffee hour when they come up to me to say hi with so much glee. Then I know I have made a positive impact on their little lives with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This is the sweetest personal joy. I also totally enjoy watching their little minds think and learn about Jesus’ love for all of us in class."

Emily Buckman

We. Are. Connected.

Oprah Winfrey’s Belief Series

Belief is a groundbreaking documentary series exploring humankind’s search to connect with the sacred. We were all created with a God-shaped hole in our hearts and born with the hope of an encounter with the holy.

Belief invites viewers to witness some of the world’s most fascinating religious and spiritual journeys through the eyes of believers: Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Jains, and more. Traveling to the far reaches of the world and to places where cameras have rarely been, these stories will lead us all to ask:

What do you believe?

We’ll meet Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room. Together we’ll screen each episode, share some refreshments, and have time to converse and connect. Come to one or come to all! The series is appropriate for all ages!

October 1 — A Change is Gonna Come
October 8 — God Help Us
October 15 — The Practice
October 22 — See Below

Please join us for the final installment of our Belief Series, hosted by Rick Bauer on Sunday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. Rick will be sharing colorful images and interesting stories from his summer pilgrimage to India and Cambodia while discussing how the experience has played into his sense of call and his understanding of Christian theology. The event will be an opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of Hindu and Buddhist culture through a Christian lens, with room for plenty of questions and open discussion. We hope to see you there!!!

Questions? Just ask Joani.

Choreographers’ Collaboration Project

October 7 | 7:00 PM | Parish Hall

Emmanuel is hosting Alexandria’s local dance troupe, Choreographers’ Collaboration Project, for an intimate concert in the parish hall on October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Have you always been curious about how modern dance tells stories and expresses emotion? Here is your chance to sample this art form, free of charge, right in your neighborhood! Refreshments and discussion with the dancers and choreographers to follow the performance. Try something new!
Loving the Questions: Sunday Morning Inquirers’ Class

Former and now departed Virginia Seminary professor Marianne Micks wrote a book way back when — which I am happy to see has been re-published by Seabury Press. Loving the Questions “takes us through the Nicene Creed step-by-step, poses questions most often asked by contemporary Christians, but also teaches us to delight in the questions themselves.” Micks believed that faith accompanied by doubt is a healthy and lively faith.

Having gotten in trouble for asking too many questions in religion class, I certainly agree! We Episcopalians love the questions, I think, because we love the spiritual quest. We love the search and the journey. There is always more to God, not less.

So, I have stolen the title Loving the Questions for this fall Inquirers’ class. Not a lecture, each class will be a conversation organized around any and all of the questions participants bring. Questions about worship, history, ethics, justice, prayer, community, theology, spirituality. Questions about anything. Just like your teacher told you, there are no stupid questions.

For those who like to read along, I recommend three books:

- Loving the Questions: An Exploration of the Nicene Creed, Marianne Micks, Seabury Books, 2005
- Jesus Was an Episcopalian (And You Can Be One Too!): A Newcomer’s Guide to the Episcopal Church, Chris Yaw, Leader Resources, 2008
- The Book of Common Prayer, Church Publishing, 1979

The class is for everyone: spiritually curious, newcomer, long-time member. The class is also prep for adult confirmation/reception/reaffirmation. (Which might be one of your questions!)

Come just once or come every Sunday if you can: 9:15 a.m. in the Memorial Room. Schedule is below.

October 1 — Questions about Worship
October 8 — Questions about History and Theology
October 15 — Questions about Spirituality and Prayer
October 22 — Questions about Christian Life and Witness
October 29 — Questions about Anything Not Covered Above!

Questions? Contact Joani!

Fall Work Day
October 14 | 8:00AM to 11:00 AM

The Buildings and Grounds Team has identified several projects, including trimming and removing trees, removing invasive vines and bushes, painting classrooms and storage areas, removing debris from window wells, and clearing the attic area of the parish hall. We have had great support during the past Spring and Fall Projects Days and look forward to another successful day.

One last item to mention is a need for some mid morning coffee with donuts and cookies. Contact me to volunteer. Thanks in advance for stepping up. Please feel free to sign the poster in the Parish Hall.

Dwayne Piepenburg
A Win-Win Giving Option for Emmanuel’s “Prime Timers”

Thanks to efforts by the Trustees of the Funds of the Diocese of Virginia, Emmanuel parishioners who are 65 or better can now make a tax-wise gift that will provide a lifetime income stream for them now and a meaningful bequest to Emmanuel after their passing.

With a **Charitable Gift Annuity**, you can make an irrevocable gift of cash or appreciated securities to Emmanuel in return for a fixed lifetime income for yourself or yourself and one other — often a spouse. After your lifetime(s), the remaining annuity assets — usually about 50% of the value of the gift — come to Emmanuel for a purpose or program you have chosen in advance.

The annuity’s payout rate is pegged to the age(s) of the donor(s). For example, a donor who is 74 will receive 5.7% of the value of her annuity; if she contributes $10,000, she will receive $570 annually for the rest of her life. A couple whose ages are 75 and 78 are eligible for a combined rate of 5.2%; if they contribute $20,000, they will receive $1,040 annually during their shared lives and then continuing for the life of the surviving spouse.

**Charitable Gift Annuities** are a tax-savvy way to give. With a gift annuity, the donor receives a charitable income tax deduction for a portion of the value of the gift, and a significant portion of his or her annual income stream is tax free.

The Trustees of the Funds have prepared an informative brochure about **Charitable Gift Annuities**. If you would like to receive a copy, without obligation, please contact Jane Kolson (202-994-9523).

Vestry HiLites

At its regular meeting on September 13, the Vestry...

- Celebrated the success of the annual yard sale and made plans to discuss next year’s event;
- Recognized that the strategic plan calls the Vestry to assure financial sustainability while pursuing new growth, and planned to invite more participation from the community in financial management;
- Discussed an idea to record and promote recordings of Sunday homilies.

Sarah Kolo, Clerk

The TnT group hosted an EEC Day at the Nats game on September 19, with the Nationals facing off against the Dodgers. It was great to have so many families join us and enjoy the day, but not the outcome.
In October, the preschool teachers and children really start to settle in to the school routine. With most of the back-to-school jitters behind us, new friendships start being formed and children get to know their teachers and learn the ins and outs of their new classes. We have several fun events in October, including our Fall Family Pizza Party on October 19. The Pizza Party is a great way for families to come together to socialize, share a meal, and enjoy entertainment by Dean Alan, Magician. On October 25 the preschool will host a Kindergarten Coffee, which is an opportunity for preschool parents to come and learn about kindergarten from private school admissions directors, psychologists, and parent representatives from several area public, private and parochial schools. In late October the 4/5s classes will take a field trip to Nalls Produce, where they will learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin, play in the pumpkin maze, and sample apple cider from Nalls. The teachers will be participating in professional development focused on Block Play and Executive Function Skills during our teacher in-service day on October 27.

Ressa Jones, Director

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Purple 3s

The Purple 3s have had so much fun settling into the routines of school and October will be no different! This month we will spend time exploring what happens around our school as the seasons change from summer to fall by taking lots of nature walks and “safaris” (where we search for all the different animals that we can find around our building). As we walk, we will ask the questions “What happens to the trees?”, “What happens to the plants?”, “What happens to the air?”. The students’ answers will be recorded and we’ll compare our answers as we ask these questions each time the seasons change. On our walks and safaris, we’ll collect natural objects (leaves, acorns, pine needles, and anything else that strikes our fancy) and use these findings to create natural collages. Pumpkins will be another fun focus this month! The Purple 3s will explore all things pumpkin: how pumpkins feel, smell, sound, and taste. Of course, we will end the month thinking about Halloween. We’ll read books, sing songs, and create spooky art — what a fun way to end the month!

Kate Schneider and Mollee Hansen
Hello Emmanuel Episcopal Church! All of us here at Community Lodgings send a huge thank you to the kind parishioners who so generously supported our Back-to-School Backpack Drive. As a nonprofit organization that works with homeless and low-income Alexandria families, your support makes a great difference.

The financial support that Emmanuel Episcopal Church provided allowed us to equip 20 high school students enrolled in our Youth Education Program with the backpacks and supplies needed to return to school prepared for a successful year. Your support is significant to our families, the majority of which are low-income households with more than one child. The National Retail Federation estimates that back-to-school supplies may cost a family up to $443, an expense our families cannot afford. I wish you could see the smiles on the children’s faces when they received their backpacks... and the parents were smiling too!

Thank you and your congregation for your generous gift of $2,000 for backpacks. This gift truly makes a difference for the homeless and low-income families that we serve.

This year marks our 30th year providing housing and educational services that help families escape poverty and achieve self-sufficient lives. Looking ahead, we are deeply committed to ensuring that our programs remain accessible for those who are in crisis and need help stabilizing their lives, for the next thirty years.

Below are a few of the recent successes our children and families have achieved, with support from friends like you.

- 8 young adults participated in our Summer Youth Job Readiness Program and now have summer jobs in businesses and organizations throughout the City of Alexandria.
- 60 disadvantaged youth are enrolled in our summer enrichment program which provides kids with a safe, healthy and educational experience during the summer.
- 4 families attended our June home buyer education seminar and gained the tools and knowledge to purchase a home.
- 3 adults participated in our job readiness workshop and 7 adults participated in our financial planning workshops, both of which were geared toward our Latino community members and conducted in Spanish.

We are also pleased to share that we have begun renovation to our affordable housing property at 607 Notabene Drive. Once complete, the building will accommodate seven, rather than six apartments, enabling more families to call the property “home.”

We hope you know that your contribution is active in helping many disadvantaged families have a brighter future!

Sincerely,
Lynn Thomas, Executive Director
Pet Blessing

If you bring it ... we’ll bless it!

In honor of St. Francis, please bring your lovable pet with you to Emmanuel Church at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 1 for a special blessing. We’ll have yummy treats for your pet too!

Ministry Fair and Bake Sale

The ministry fair on September 10 was a great success. Thanks to all for supporting Emmanuel outreach by bringing and buying for the bake/soup sale! We made $400 and an additional $100 from the Haitian coffee sale! All proceeds go directly to Haiti. Emmanuel is indeed a generous parish.

Pat Hadley

Yard Sale

Thanks to all who volunteered and shopped at our annual yard sale at the end of August. We made over $1800 which goes to support our Outreach programs.

Thank you Dwayne!

Thank you to Dwayne Piepenburg, for managing the process of installing a railing providing ease of going down the steps from the choir area of the church leading to the staff offices.

Barbara Helsing

Haiti School Supply Drive

The Second Annual School Supplies Drive for Ste. Croix Parish in Leogane, Haiti, will run from October 15 through November 12. Please bring in new items and place them in the bin in the foyer. Items needed include pens, pencils, notebooks, magic marker sets, finger paints, crayons, and jump ropes. The school does not need binders, folders, scissors, or staplers. Questions about this project may be directed to John Maass.

Check Out our New Website!

Thank you to Leo Cruz, Mandy Dorn, Sean Ellis, Johanna Jones, Sarah Kolo, Sarah Orndorff, Joani Peacock, and everyone else who provided (and continue to provide) input and guidance on our updated website.

Take a minute to go to the site to familiarize yourself with the new website. A couple of regularly visited pages can now be found as indicated below:

- Weekly service assignments is under the Worship tab.
- The full church calendar is on the bottom portion of the site under QuickLinks. Details about our church activities will be available on this calendar when you click on an activity.

Please keep checking back for new content!
Emmanuel T-Shirts and Magnet

If you missed the homecoming picnic, please be sure to stop by the table in the parish hall on Sunday, October 1 or October 8 to order your shirt. If you are unable to make it to church on either of those days, click here for the order form. The last day to order is Sunday, October 8.

At the same time that you order your t-shirt, you can pick up your complimentary Emmanuel car magnet.
For a look at our continually-updated church calendar, click on the calendar to the left.

**October**

1. Annual Giving Campaign Kickoff
2. Outreach Team Meeting (9:00 AM)
3. Inquirer’s Class *Loving the Questions* (9:15 AM)
4. Youth Sunday (10:30 AM)
5. Pet Blessing (11:45 AM)
6. God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
7. Oprah’s *Belief* Series (6:00 PM)
8. Meals on Wheels Deliveries
9. Carpenter’s Shelter Dinner
10. Choreographers Collaboration Project (7:00 PM)
11. Inquirer’s Class *Loving the Questions* (9:15 AM)
12. Oprah’s *Belief* Series (6:00 PM)
13. Columbus Day (Office Closed)
14. Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
15. Fall Work Day (8:00 AM)
16. Inquirer’s Class *Loving the Questions* (9:15 AM)
17. God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
18. Quaker Meeting (5:00 PM)
19. Oprah’s *Belief* Series (6:00 PM)
20. Carpenter’s Shelter Dinner
21. Inquirer’s Class *Loving the Questions* (9:15 AM)
22. Carpenter’s Shelter Breakfast
23. Halloween Party / Fundraiser (7:00 PM)
24. Inquirer’s Class *Loving the Questions* (9:15 AM)

**November**

1. Carpenter’s Shelter Dinner
2. Pledge Sunday
3. Youth Sunday (10:30 AM)
4. Daylight Saving Time Ends
5. God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
6. Bag Lunch Week
7. Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
8. Veteran’s Day (Office Closed)
9. Prime Timer’s Tea (3:00 PM)
10. God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
11. Quaker Meeting (5:00 PM)
12. Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
13. Carpenter’s Shelter Breakfast

Long-time Emmanuel member, Sheila Beattie, 92, working her crossword puzzles. Cece Beattie (daughter of Sheila) and Sarah Ashton (daughter of Ruth and Daingerfield Ashton, former Emmanuel members), came up from Charleston to visit her best friend Cece. Jeanne Feden and Gudrun Callahan were invited to lunch with them. For those of you who remember Ruth’s wonderful salad dressing, Sarah shared the recipe with them.