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Introducing this month's issue of ...

HIGH NOTES



EMMANUEL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Early Summer 2023

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High Notes Submissions

Please submit your articles for the *Late Summer High Notes* to [Janie](#) by Tuesday, July 25.

Summer Worship 2023

A Not So Ordinary "Ordinary Time"

Summer is the time when we ease into the long green season of Pentecost – also known as *Ordinary Time*. It's called *ordinary* for a reason; after the high holy days of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, things calm down a bit. But here at Emmanuel there is still much to celebrate! Here's what on the liturgical menu for summer 2023!



May 28, 8:00 & 10:00 am

The Feast of Pentecost, Whitsunday Holy Eucharist

This **RED-LETTER DAY** celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles in Jerusalem and is also considered to be the birthday of the Church. The scripture from the Book of Acts will be read in tongues (as many languages as we can muster!)

Remember to wear RED!

June 4, 8:00 & 10:00 am

Trinity Sunday/Youth Sunday/Blessing of the Bicycles

On this high holy day of the church calendar, we are reprising **The Blessing of the Bicycles!**

Come in your bike gear, park your bike or trike in the Parish Hall! Bikes will be "baptized" and riders blessed! Young members will read the lessons and the children's choir will sing! During Coffee Hour, we'll have bike safety checks and biker snacks to munch on. Parishioner Aaron Flaaen will preach at both services.

In addition, we will be collecting used bikes (sorry, no trikes) for [Bikes for the World!](#) Changing the world one bike at a time! Bikes are more than transportation; they can empower individuals and communities: 183,543 bikes have been donated in 101 countries. Click [here](#) to learn details about the type and conditions of bikes they are looking for.

June 11, 8:00 & 10:00 am

Pride Sunday: Baptism & Holy Eucharist

As we celebrate the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom and understanding, we will uplift the LGBTQI+ community in prayer. A wonderful day for a baptism! Join Joani for the celebration day.

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Our 10 -Year Vision for Emmanuel

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a thriving, engaged and creative parish working to educate and meet the needs of children, youth and adults; live and demonstrate our Christian values; and create a more humane and just world through community service and outreach.

Diocesan Bishops

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson
The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris
The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick
The Rt. Rev. David Jones

Emmanuel Church Staff

Rector

[The Rev. Charles C. McCoart, Jr.](#)

Associate for Worship

[The Rev. Joan L. Peacock](#)

Director of Youth Ministry

Organist/Choir Director

[Ryan Fitch](#)

Parish Administrator

[Janie Piemonte](#)

Administrative Assistant

[Karen O'Hern](#)

Sexton

Carlos Guzman

Nursery Caregivers

Lillian Urrea
Natalie De Leon Santizo
Jeni Rivera

Sunday Services

8:00 am, 10:00 am

Church Office Hours

Monday—Friday
9:00 am—3:00 pm

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July 16, 8:00 & 10:00 am Celebration of Creation Sunday Holy Eucharist

With prayer, holy scripture, and sacred music this special service will focus on the gifts of the natural world, the challenge of climate change, and our role as Christians in caring for Mother Earth. Parishioner Margaret Wohler will preach at both services.

August 13, 8:00 & 10:00 am Love Your Neighbor Sunday Holy Eucharist

In a call and response litany, we'll take a liturgical tour of our Alexandria neighborhood – giving thanks for our sister churches, government offices, banks, businesses, eateries, local schools, parks, and non-profits, and more! Parishioner Kim Scott will preach at both services.

August 27 Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Janie Piemonte will preach at the early service in the Chapel.

Hymn Sing 10:00 am

Like a summertime Lessons & Carols, extra hymns will be interwoven with the scripture and prayers. Requests from the congregation will be taken. Music replaces the homily. Come make a joyful noise!

September 3, 8:00 & 10:00 am Labor Day Sunday Holy Eucharist

This late summer Sunday service will include special scripture, prayers, and music to celebrate all the ways we make our daily bread and work in the world.

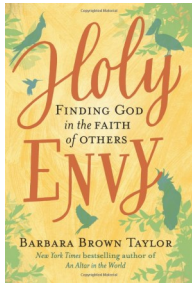
September 10, 8:00 & 10:00 am Mission Possible Sunday Holy Eucharist

As summer ends and on the cusp of a new program year, we will bless and celebrate Emmanuel's many ministries in the parish, the community, and the world. Our rector, The Rev. Charles C. McCoart, Jr., just back from his sabbatical, will celebrate and preach.

Mark your calendars! Invite a friend or neighbor! See you in church! For questions or more info, contact [Joani](#).

Adult Spiritual Formation

After a very busy and full array of offerings, Adult Spiritual Formation will be on hiatus for the summer. Please join us for the final event of the program year highlighted below. We look forward to offering a variety of events beginning again in September to include some interesting First Sunday topics. Read all about it in the August newsletter. Newcomers to the Adult Spiritual Formation team are always welcome, no experience necessary, just ideas to share. The next team meeting will take place on Zoom at 3:00 pm Tuesday, August 8. We would love to have you join us!



Paperback Spirituality, Sunday, May 21, 7:00 pm

This month we will be talking about *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest, teacher, and best-selling author. Taylor explores how different faiths approach a knowledge and relationship with God and what they can learn from each other. [Click here](#) to join or log into Zoom directly: meeting ID: 862 2596 7138, passcode: 911031.

Thank You!

Thank you does not seem adequate to say to all of the wonderful people who helped make our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services go so well and so beautifully. I am sure we can all agree the church looked beautiful! Thank you to the members of the Altar Guild, our music ministry volunteers, crucifers, readers, members of the vestry, Coffee Hour baristas, and staff. We're a great team and together we celebrated Christ's resurrection beautifully. Thank you one and all.

Peace, chuck.



Chuck's sabbatical officially began on Sunday, May 7 and he will be back in the office on Monday, September 10. Although he will not be far away during this time, Chuck thanks you for honoring his sincere efforts to disconnect for a few months.

We all wish him peace and rest as he renews his own spirit.



2023 Vestry

[Emily McNaughton](#) (Senior Warden) [Chuck Thomas](#) (Junior Warden)

[Bob Carragher](#); [Pauline Porter](#); [Ann Reinke](#); [Doris Rudolph](#); [Jonathan Sills](#); [Christian Simpson](#); [Gretchen Walz](#)

[Gene Lange](#) (Treasurer) [Sarah Kolo](#) (Clerk)

Contacts for Ministry Teams

Worship

Team Coordinator: [Nancy Dupree](#)

Acolytes: [Susan Cruz](#)

Altar Guild: [Nancy Dupree](#)

Bell Ringers: [Susan Cruz](#)

Guitar Circle: [Stewart Bartley](#)

Music & Choirs: [Ryan Fitch](#)

Readers (8:00): [Suji Kelly](#)

Readers (10:00): [Jennifer Jones](#)

Ushers: [Frank Esquivel](#)

Education

Team Coordinator: [Joani Peacock](#)

Adult Spiritual Formation: [Beth Boland](#)

Sunday School: TBD

C.H.A.O.S.: [Janie Piemonte](#)

Preschool: [Nicole Crochet](#)

Service

Team Coordinator: [Jane Kolson](#)

ALIVE!: [Vonda Delawie](#)

Bag Lunch Program: [Karen Coda](#)

Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast: [Jennifer Jones](#)

Carpenter's Shelter Dinner: [John Read](#)

Compassionate Care: [Nancy Dupree](#)

Giving Tree:

Haiti: [Sean Ellis](#)

Refugee Family: [Kim Scott](#)

Yard Sale: [Gretchen Walz](#)

Fellowship

Coffee Hour Baristas: [Ann Wheaton](#)

Prime Timers: [Meredith Wade](#)

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat: [Joe Scott](#)

Emmanuel Social Club: [Lauren Maxey](#)

Stewardship

Annual Giving: [Joe Dresen](#)

Finance: [Aaron Flaaen](#)

Foundation: [Mike Piemonte](#)

Outreach



We cannot thank you enough for the 138 pounds of food collected since we resumed our ALIVE! food donations!

During the months of May and June, we will be collecting beans, rice, and pasta for ALIVE! Won't you bring a box or a can each week when you come to church? Special requests have been made for whole wheat and gluten free pasta along with brown rice. Dried beans and lentils are also most wanted items for our families. The need in our community is great so thank you for helping as you are able.

For July and August, we will switch to items that can help feed kids at home. Items such as kid-friendly single-serve, microwavable entrees (soup, ravioli, mac & cheese) or peanut butter & jam/jelly (no glass jars please!).....Watch those summer sales for these much-needed items.

Haiti Ministry

Emmanuel continues its support of the school at St. Croix parish in Leogane, Haiti to the best of our abilities. The situation on the ground in Haiti continues to be perilous in many areas of the country. We are watching events closely and remain in contact with Father Yves Seme and the US Coordinator of the Haiti Episcopal School Partnerships. So far we have been able to ensure our donations are reaching the school and being used for support of the teachers and students. Please keep these innocent people in your prayers as they navigate the daily challenges and dangers in their country.

All are Welcome!

Are you interested in helping with one of our outreach ministries but not sure how to join? Just reach out to the ministry coordinator listed on page 3 or to our Outreach Team Coordinator, [Jane Kolson](#) and let them know. New faces are always welcome, whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little. We saw at our Volunteer Appreciation Sunday just how many people are working behind the scenes at Emmanuel, and you can too!



August 19, 2023

Save the Date and Your Treasures!

Start saving those treasures now for our annual yard sale! Save the date of **August 19** and start collecting your items to be donated. A successful yard sale needs lots of helping hands so won't you plan to volunteer for this event that helps the Emmanuel community and its neighbors? **Watch the e-news in July for final details about signing up to help, when donations will be accepted, and what donations you can bring.**

Children and Youth Formation

Program Update:

Our Bridges to Worship program will run through May 21. Volunteers are still needed for the final class so please see the e-news to sign-up for a spot.

C.H.A.O.S. will meet on Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 pm and then will also be on hiatus for the summer.

Watch your weekly e-news for any events that may pop up over the summer to keep our kids connected.

Renovation Team Update:

In October of 2021, the aptly named entirely volunteer Renovation Team, was created to work on implementing recommendations presented by Ministry Architects, a consulting firm under contract with the Vestry to “reimagine” our Children and Youth Ministries. This dedicated team spent the next 18 months committed to the task at hand. The team consisted of Courtney Keplinger, Chris Piemonte, Kate Bartholomay, Kelly Dresen, Ruth Bilodeau, and Meredith Wade (Sr. Warden/Vestry Liaison) and met monthly by Zoom. Initially, the Team was charged with helping to “renovate” the programs and assist with the process of hiring a Director of Spiritual Formation for Children and Youth. As the search continued longer than originally expected, it pivoted to designing and supporting what programming we could launch in spite of pandemic restrictions. It also began the work of preparing for the new staff member, creating background documents and systems that will be utilized by the Director. (A separate committee is continuing the search process with leadership from Ministry Architects).

What follows is a list of Renovation Team accomplishments (the result of a lot of homework):

- Provided seminal input into the first draft of the position description for the Director of Spiritual Formation for Children and Youth.
- Coordinated the Vision Summit, engaging more than 30 members of the congregation in dialogue about the future of the ministry.
- Played the central role in the process of crafting a children’s and youth ministry mission statement, core values, and goals.
- **Mission Statement:** The Mission of the Children’s and Youth Ministries is to love, engage, inspire, and support the children and youth in the parish, in order to nurture their growth as individuals and as members of the parish and the greater community.
- **Core Values:** Faith, Family, Honesty, Loyalty, Community, Acceptance, Inclusion, and Fun
- For the new Director, created a plan for welcoming new families, children, and youth to Emmanuel when they come for the first time.
- For the new Director, created a care and contact plan for children and families as well as for youth and their families.
- With the help of the Rev. Grace Pratt, developed a plan to provide Sunday morning Bridges to Worship for children and some youth events while regular programming was still limited by the COVID-19 pandemic. virtually the second semester.

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- Developed a plan for recalibrating youth ministry at Emmanuel post-pandemic and launching it as CHAOS (Christ, Hope, And Occasional Snacks).
- For the new Director, developed a “fishing pond” list of over 40 people that could be approached to participate in the children’s or youth ministries.
- Kept an attentive eye on the children’s and youth ministries during the lengthy season of being without a children’s ministry staff person and with pandemic related challenges .

We cannot thank them this team enough for all of their time, talent, and energy to move our Children and Youth programs forward.

Meredith Wade

Director of Children and Youth Ministries Update:

We are excited to say that we think we have found the right fit for this position! We are in the final process of making sure all t’s are crossed and i’s are dotted so expect an announcement very soon!



There are many ways your young one can become involved at Emmanuel. We have youth readers, [crucifers](#), and [bell ringers](#) for starters. Please reach out to [Joani](#) or [Susan Cruz](#) if your child is ready to join the ranks of our youth volunteers.



Congratulations to all those in our community and our extended community on their successful completion of educational milestones! We wish them all the best in their next endeavors.

Katherine Conner, University of Mary Washington, Master of Science in Elementary Education

John Patrick Matlock, Washington & Liberty HS, Will attend GW University and play soccer

Henrietta Marie Kennett, Duke University

Charlie Hall (grandson of Pat Hadley) Hillcrest HS Simpsonville, SC, Will attend the University of South Carolina

Riley Parker Walsh (granddaughter of Sue Kenny), Carolina Collaborative Prep HS

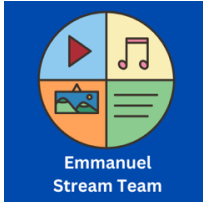
Anna Catherine Martin (granddaughter of Nancy Dupree), University of Alabama, Early childhood Education

Brian Selcik , Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University in Chicago

Gene Franklin Lane (grandson of Gene and Jeanie Lange), Pingry School, NJ, will attend Syracuse University

Jack Masri , Bishop O’Connell HS, will attend James Madison University

Jack Esquivel, Merrimack College, Business, will attend the University of New Haven for a Masters Degree in Emergency Management



LIVE STREAMING PROGRESS REPORT

Good things are worth waiting for. Sometimes good things take longer than one would hope at first blush. Sometimes things are more complicated than anticipated. One of these complicated things that is taking longer than we thought is our new state of the art streaming system. Joani and Ryan are in the final stages of getting concentrated training from the expert technicians who installed the system. We want to make the streaming system interface as simple as possible and so are developing a clear and accessible user guide with which to train our Emmanuel STREAM TEAM volunteers. Our first training session is scheduled for Sunday, May 28 following the 10:00 a.m. service. Our hope is to go live Sunday, June 11, Pride Sunday! If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out to Joani (associaterector@emmanuelonhigh.org).

Finally the weather enabled full enjoyment of Shrine Mont May 5-7. Whether you had been there for years and years or it was your first time, fun was had by all. New relationships were formed, friendships renewed or made, and the Emmanuel community was strengthened once again by the weekend retreat.





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Another school year is coming to an end which means we have been gearing up for our Art Show. The students have worked diligently on their masterpieces and were so excited to show off their work, Tuesday May 2nd.

Being teachers of the 2s, it is always wonderful seeing the growth of the students from September until now. We had some apprehensive littles at the beginning of the year being brand new to school and leaving their parents for the first time. It warms our hearts to see them march right in and get into their routine at the beginning of the day now. The Red and Blue 2s have gotten very comfortable with the school schedule and love going to the different choice rooms (Dramatic Play, Block, and Art) and playing on the playground. Both classes love using their gross motor skills on the playground by chasing each other, spinning on the spinner, climbing on the equipment, digging in the sand box and riding trucks down the hill. Lots of little cute friendships have formed. As summer approaches, we know we will miss our kiddos a ton and look forward to seeing them bloom in the 3s classes next year!

Sara Stekloff & Meghan Cote (Red 2s) and Sarah Hastings and Sylvia Logiewa (Blue 2s)

