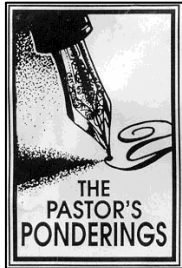


The Epistle

February 14, 2010

Sharing the Joy and Power of Life in Christ



Odds and Ends

* Lent is approaching. There will be Ash Wednesday services in the church on February 17 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 16, will be served in the Parish Hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The February Vestry meeting will

follow the pancake supper.

* Our annual Diocesan Council is taking place this weekend, February 12-14, at the Williamsburg Lodge. The keynote speaker is Phyllis Tickle, a fascinating lecturer and author on religion in America today. Emmanuel will be represented at Council by our clergy, John and Marguerite, by our delegates James Carver, Doug Irvin, Gale Nicholson and Joe Stiles, and our by alternates Walt Altice, Lynne Coates, Erin Maple and Elaine Shrader.

* The author of *The Shack*, William P. Young will be speaking at The Royal Courtyard, 329 Birchwood Park Drive, Virginia Beach on Friday, February 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 20, 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Registration is at www.theshackconferenceofhamptonroads.com.

Transitions

* There will be military honors for Jack Bates and the interment of his ashes in our columbarium February 14 (family only).

* Our best wishes to Chris Smith and Katie Sammons who are being married at Emmanuel this coming Saturday, February 13, at 12:30 p.m.

Inquirer's Classes

Beginning on Wednesday, February 24, and for the 5 following Wednesdays, the Rector will be leading an Inquirer's Class at 7:00 p.m. for those interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith. For those who may wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when our bishop Holly Hollerith visits Emmanuel on May 2, this would be a particularly good way to prepare. The sessions will be as follows: February 24: An

introduction to the Episcopal Church; March 3: An overview of the Book of Common Prayer and a tour of the church; March 10: Scripture (Old and New Testaments); March 17: Jesus, Paul and the history of the Church; March 24: Christian Theology; and March 31: Christian Spirituality and Ethics. Please call the church office (499-1271) if you are interested in participating.

Full Circle Meal Preparation this Sunday, February 14. Sign up in the Parish Hall.



In the Christian Formation Corner

**Mark Your Calendar -
VBS July 26-30**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Worship Leaders for February

Sunday	8:30 Service	11:00 Service
February 14	Stacey Larmore Charlotte Jenkins	Freida Mack

2 people (one over age 18) are needed to lead the service. Contact Martha Hufford, sign up in the Parish Hall, stop by the office, email: ccf@emmanuelvb.org or call 499-1271 to help lead the future!

Upcoming Adult Forum Topics

February 14 - Belize Mission Trip Recap.... Presented by the Belize Mission Team.



Our missionaries to Holy Cross Anglican School in Belize will tell their stories at the Adult Forum (10:00-10:45) this Sunday, February 14, in the right transept of the church.

Pictures from the Belize mission trip are now in the scrapbook section of Emmanuel's web page: <http://emmanuelvb.com> The scrapbook is on the "About us" page, and is also linked from a note on the front page of the website. More pictures are located on the Picasa web site at <http://picasaweb.google.com/Emmanuelkempsville>

New! for the Christian Formation Hour

A study on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians led by Kirke White.

Sundays February 14, 21 - 9:45-10:45 A.M.

There is a \$5 cost for the study guide.

2010 Lenten Meditations:

All responses are due back to the Christian Formation office by February 10. To save on paper and printing, we're putting together 3 versions of the booklet.

- Entirely online with links to the daily readings and responses on the Emmanuel [website](#)
- Daily readings online (links on the [website](#)); responses in booklet form
- All readings in booklet form. (printed by request, let Martha know if you prefer this format)
- Large Print versions are available by request as well.

2010 Lenten Series

Our Lenten Series begins on Tuesday, February 23. We'll begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening during Lent. After supper we'll then divide into 2 groups for sharing and study.

We have 2 different tracks for study this year: "Learning Forgiveness: A Lenten Study" and "A Porpoise Diving Life."

Learning Forgiveness: (This is a guided study with weekly reading and preparation of less than 2 hours). Christians differ widely in their interpretations of how forgiveness should be practiced. Some urge forgiveness as a Christian duty under all circumstances, while others argue that certain conditions must be met before forgiveness can be meaningful or effective. How do we sort through such

competing claims and interpretations? And how do we get past some of our emotional barriers to real forgiveness? These are the kinds of the questions we will explore together in this study of a theme particularly well-suited to the season of Lent, but fit for any season of our lives.

The Porpoise Diving Life by Bill Dahl: (This is small group discussion and sharing about the prior week's readings and how God has worked in your life during the week)

"The book is about the ordinary, everyday of our lives over the past 20 years. It is the layman's life - A life populated with uncertainty, the unexpected, the joy, the humor, the irony, the inexplicable, the mundane, the marginalized, the mediocrity, the ups and downs of it all. It's all about us...God, you and me. It's The Porpoise Diving Life. There's a reality for the rest of us...the truth that Jesus ruthlessly adores those whose life experience seems to occur outside the confines of the theology of linear living espoused by mainstream evangelicalism...yet, it is the lives of the children of *The Creator*."

Sign Up in the Parish Hall

Group Facilitators are needed; contact Martha if you interested. ccf@emmanuelvb.org or 499-1271

Adult Retreat 2010

February 26 - 27

St. Andrews By-the-Sea

Nag's Head, NC

Cost: \$25

Registration forms are available outside the Christian Formation Office

Youth Coming Attractions

February 14 - Convocation II Valentines Day Dance - all youth groups

YAC News

Attention 11th and 12th graders

Tuesday, February 16

YAC Valentine's Day Dinner

Come and enjoy an international buffet featuring cuisine from Chef Silvio, Madame Cecile, and others. Please RSVP to Charlotte Jenkins for this event:

cwsjmu@hotmail.com or 424-0710. Chefs to arrive at the Jenkins' house at 5:30, and those coming for dinner, 7:00 pm. Dress-ties and dresses. Dates and guests welcome!

Adults Less than Fortysomething (ALF) Goes On



Softball update: We are looking at an almost full roster for the spring season – if you are interested, please e-mail Jennifer Hallauer (hallauers@verizon.net) ASAP.

We will keep everyone updated on our schedule once it is available. Go Saints!!



BUBBLES (Biblical Understanding thru Budweiser Barnuts, Laughter, Explanations and Suds) – is gearing up for 2010. No meeting in Jan, but look for our Feb. date to be announced soon.



We are on FACEBOOK – search “[Adults Less than Fortysomething \(ALF\)/Young Adults at Emmanuel](#)” and join our group – a great way to stay current with the goings on.



Beatlemania Fundraiser

February 20

6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Come out and support the J2A pilgrimage group for a Beatlemania family night. Enjoy a fun night of great Beatles music provided by our own Best of Times band! Wear your favorite Beatles outfit, participate in a Beatles Trivia contest and give us your best *Twist and Shout!* Prizes will be awarded! Dinner and soft drinks included in admission price. \$8.00 per person and \$20 for a family of 3 or more.

Faith in Fiction

Faith in Fiction will not meet during Lent. We will resume on our usual fourth Tuesday of the month April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Library and our book will be *The Wedding Officer* by Anthony Capella. Watch *The Epistle* for a synopsis.

A Special Thank You from the Christison Family

Dear Martha' Ministry and Emmanuel,

Thank you for generosity that has been shown to my family during this difficult time. There is no way that I could have organized a reception after the service the way that you did. The reception was beautiful. I am thankful for our Emmanuel family, we are truly blessed by your presence.

God bless,
Julie and girls

Book Signing on February 14

After Services

Father Bill Starkey has completed his long-awaited memoirs and will be here on Sunday, February 14 for a book signing. The book is \$16 and proceeds will go to the Mission of the Holy Spirit.

A Note from Fr. Howard

Dear Emmanuel Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls following my recent surgery. Knowing that you were praying for me gave much comfort. A special thank you to Fr. John for being with me at the hospital prior to my surgery.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Howard Purvis

Cursillo Tidewater Ultreya 2010 Schedule

Visit the Cursillo website

<http://www.cursillodsv.org>

Please bring a snack to share. Bring your guitar and help make a joyful noise!

Fri.	Feb. 19	7:30 p.m.	Open – please host
Fri.	Mar. 19	7:00 p.m.	Advent, Norfolk
Fri.	April 16	7:30 p.m.	Old Donation, VA Beach
Sun.	May 23	4:00 p.m.	St. Aidan's – Fish Fry
Fri.	June 19	7:30 p.m.	Open - please host
Fri.	July 17	7:30 p.m.	Open - please host
Fri.	Aug. 21	7:30 p.m.	Open – please host
Fri.	Sept. 17	7:30 p.m.	St. Peter's, Norfolk
Fri.	Oct. 15	7:30 p.m.	St. Christopher's, Portsmouth
Fri.	Nov. 12	7:30 p.m.	St. Francis, VA Beach
Fri.	Dec. 3	7:30 p.m.	Emmanuel, VA Beach

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends:

#141 Men's Weekend Feb. 18-21, 2010

#142 Women's Weekend Mar. 18-21, 2010

#143 Concurrent Weekend Oct. 7-10, 2010

Submit your team applications. Please pray for a friend and sponsor him/her for the weekend! Applications are available via the website, Men's/Women's Weekend Coordinators or at the Ultreya.

What's Happening

February

- 12 Annual Council begins in Wmsbg.
- 13 Smith/Sammons Wedding 12:30 p.m.
- 14 Full Circle
Convocation II Valentine Dance – all youth groups
- 16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Ash Wednesday services 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 20 Beatlemania Fundraiser 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Confirmation Class 12:30 p.m.
- 24 Inquirer's Class 7:00 p.m.
- 26, 27 Adult Retreat at St. Andrew's By the Sea
in Nags Head, NC

Emmanuel DAT Team needs your help

As most of you know, we sponsor a DAT team that, working with the Red Cross, responds and assists people in our community that have suffered a fire or a natural disaster.

During the last 6 months we have lost about 1/2 of our team due to moving, illness, or other personal reasons. As a result, we are really struggling to fulfill our commitment to the Red Cross. We are actually in the position of relying on people from other teams to help us. We have gone from the largest team to the smallest. We are asked to be able to respond to our neighbors in need one week a month. Our one-week schedule covers Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. and for all day (24 hours) on Saturday and Sunday. You don't have to be on call the entire time. We do our best to accommodate personal schedules and balance that with our need to be able to respond.

We need about 6 more people to replace those that we lost and to provide adequate assistance. There is a certain amount of training required. If we get the right number of people, I can arrange for that to be held at the church instead of in Norfolk and will facilitate this as much as possible. This does require a certain commitment, but not a large one.

If you are interested or would like more information, please talk to a current member, Kirke White, Paul and Betsy Peter, Curt and Marti Womble, Tim and Nancy

Griffith, Sallie Davis, Terry Lewis, or myself, Dick Wilk.

We Do Make a Difference...

The following note is from a woman for whom we provided food from our Food Pantry last week:

February 3, 2010

Hi –My name is Traci and I was at the church yesterday. I received a call from Social Services to receive some emergency food while waiting on food stamps. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I was given quite a bit and my mind is at ease now knowing I will have food tomorrow. I have never been in a predicament like this and this proves to me there are good people in this world still. I trust in the Lord and today's gesture makes me believe that even more. Again, to all there, I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart.

With my sincerity,
Traci

ECW Virginia Beach Convocation National Cathedral "Tour and Tea"

Planning has begun for a joint day trip to the cathedral either in late May or early October. The options are "Tour and Tea" or "A Day at the Cathedral" with possible tours and more personal time for shopping at the cathedral shops. The price is \$70 for the bus trip and an additional \$20 for the "Tour and Tea" package. You may read more about the tours available on the web site: www.nationalcathedral.org/visit/tourandtea.

If you are interested, please contact Delores Purvis at 543-3975.



The Daily Office is devised so you can read the complete Bible in two years.
 We are currently using: Revised Common Lectionary Year C; Daily Office Readings Year Two
 Daily Office Readings for the upcoming week
 (Readings that are underlined are clickable links directly to the Bible passage)

This Week's Readings:		Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
<i>Week of Epiphany V</i> Tuesday	Feb 9	78:1-39 78:40-72	Genesis 26:1-6,12-33	Hebrews 13:17-25	John 7:53-8:11
Wednesday	Feb 10	119:97-120 81, 82	Genesis 27:1-29	Romans 12:1-8	John 8:12-20
Thursday	Feb 11	83 146 85, 86	Genesis 27:30-45	Romans 12:9-21	John 8:21-32
Friday	Feb 12	88 91, 92	Genesis 27:46-28:4,10-22	Romans 13:1-14	John 8:33-47
Saturday	Feb 13	87, 90 136	Genesis 29:1-20	Romans 14:1-23	John 8:47-59
<i>Week of Last Sunday of the Epiphany</i> Sunday	Feb 14	Psalm 148, 149, 150 Psalm 114, 115	Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 48:1-11	2 Corinthians 3:7-18	Luke 9:18-27
Monday	Feb 15	Psalm 25 Psalm 9, 15	Proverbs 27:1-6,10-12	Philippians 2:1-13;	John 18:15-18,25-27
Tuesday	Feb 16	Psalm 26, 28; Psalm 36, 39	Proverbs 30:1-4,24-33	Philippians 3:1-11	John 18:28-38
Ash Wednesday	Feb 17	Psalm 95 32, 143; Psalm 102,130	Amos 5:6-15	Hebrews 12:1-14	Luke 18:9-14
Thursday	Feb 18	Psalm 37:1-18 Psalm 37:19-42	Habakkuk 3:1-10(11-15)16-18	Philippians 3:12-21;	John 17:1-8
Friday	Feb 19	Psalm 95 31 Psalm 35	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32	Philippians 4:1-9	John 17:9-19
Saturday	Feb 20	Psalm 30, 32; Psalm 42, 43	Ezekiel 39:21-29	Philippians 4:10-20	John 17:20-26

Schedule for February 14, 2010

PREACHER: Kirke White

7:30 a.m.

LAY READER: Phil Slough

8:30 a.m.

LAY READERS: Ted Shrader, Dana VanVliet
 USHERS: Bob & Nancy Larmore, Mark Carter
 ACOLYTES: Tayler Garber, Paige Garber, Gary Watson, Justin Lam, Maggie Hallauer
 HEALING MINISTERS: Bob Larmore, Betty Schindler
 VESTRY GREETER: Beth Anne Campbell
 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Joann & Tim Gamble
 WELCOMERS: Jesse & Mary Fanshaw

11:00 a.m.

LAY READERS: Duncan & Karin Bell
 USHERS: Link Mueller, Bob Paull, Nancy Griffith
 ACOLYTES: Silvio Mancone, Oleg Welch, Sarah Basden,

Manny Lamoso, Andrew Basden
 HEALING MINISTERS: Bob Paull, Sally Carver
 VESTRY GREETER: Beth Anne Campbell
 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Portia & David Dinger
 WELCOMERS: Gary & Linda Ardison
 COUNTERS: (2/15) Martha Hufford, Tom Sugg, Anne McCoy, Phil & Mary Lynn Slough
 ALTAR GUILD: (2/13-2/26) Marti & Dave Mansfield, Joanne Wade, Marlyn Lam, Beth Orr, Karen Kears
 FLOWER GUILD: (2/13) Ruth Bates, Sue Bates, Joan Maher
 LAY READER LAUNDERERS: (2/7-2/20) Duncan & Karin Bell
 NEWSLETTER: (2/17) Kathy Callahan, Joann Elrod
 NEWSLETTER DELIVERER: Link Mueller

Parish Care Contact:

Sandy Everton – 420-3228

Please Pray for:

Peace in the world; John, our Rector; Marguerite, Howard, Bill, and Marge in their daily life and work.
Please pray for: Barbara, Debra, Loretta, Brooke, Shirley, Mary, Bradley, Florence, Charlie, Conner, Ian, Cheri, Phyllis, Dot, Bill, Cathy, Nancy, Marilyn, Brian, Stephen, Glynnis, Elizabeth Ann, Bob, Joan, Fred, Chris, Rachel, Marlise, Freida, Rebecca, Sarah, David, the Guibert family, Alice, Gracie, Jamie, Sara, Lauren, Robert, Reba, Ike, Monica, Joanne, Gene, Stan, Ariel, Joseph, Stacey, Marguerite, Suzy, Bette, Sula, Susan, Michelle, Amy, Nora, and Phil.
All those in our armed forces and their families at home and abroad: Joshua Taylor, Jason Baer, Caleb Eckhart, Josh Miller, Daniel Campbell, Brian Alberts, and Ian Sharkey.
Those in prison: Aki, Anthony, Robert, James, Larry, John, Tim, Ryan, and Harry.

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