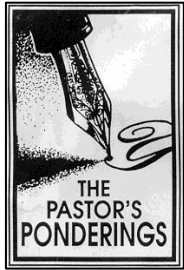


The Epistle

February 28, 2010

Sharing the Joy and Power of Life in Christ



Odds and Ends

Inquirer's Classes

Beginning this week 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 – it's not too late to sign up!

Vestry – Parish Contact

At our Vestry Retreat we spent much time discussing how to integrate all parishioners more fully into our parish family. One suggestion, which the Vestry is excited about enacting, is to set up a process wherein each vestry member will contact a group of parishioners at least every three months just to visit over the phone or through the email to see how things are going and especially if parishioners have any needs, suggestion, or ideas where the Vestry can assist. To make this project work, each Vestry member has been given one to two pages from our Parish Directory with phone numbers and email addresses so that they can make contact with the parishioners in their group. During the first chat, any parishioner who, for any reason, would rather have another Vestry member whom they know better as their vestry point of contact, we ask that you make this known so that we can make this change.

So that everyone will know ahead of time whom they can expect to call, I am including a list of groupings of parishioners names from the Directory and the vestry contact for each group:

- Robert Abbott to Mary R (Molly) Baxter – Walt Altice (420-2299)
- Chris Bendix to Grover Burnett – Drew Basden (962-2283)

- Elizabeth (Gracie) Butler to Barbara Creed – Duncan Bell (467-8140)
- David & Sherry Crissman to Shawn & Jeanette Duesberry - Beth Anne Campbell (473-5271)
- Grace Duncan to Marshall Frierson – Allan Doughty (474-1975)
- John & Lisa Funari to Richard & Stephanie Hale – Sandy Everton (420-3228)
- Scott & Jennifer Hallauer to Rev Marge Kenney Quamme – Bob Gerling (486-7180)
- Rick & Bonnie Kuehne to Doug & Susie Livingston - Diann Nickelsburg (467-6829)
- Brandon & Ashely Loeb to Wally & Gale Maybery – Rymn Parsons (963-9038)
- Joe & Sally Mayes to Bob & Sally Myers – Paul Peter (473-8557)
- Bill & Linda O' Connor to Howard & Delores Purvis – Laurry Rodman (424-2235)
- Mike & Patty Rapp to Nikole Seip – Charlie Schindler (424-8665)
- Shirley Seneff to Harry & Pat Sova – Joe Stiles (495-9602)
- John & Di Ann Springer to Barbara Tucker – John Sutton (495-3792)
- Ollie & Joanie Upson to Chris & Pam Zettervall – Kirke White (499-5992)

We hope that this new effort at bettering our parish family communications is welcomed by all and that we will be better able to meet each other's needs.

Faithfully,
Duncan Bell, Senior Warden



In the Christian Formation Corner

Mark Your Calendar - VBS July 26-30

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Worship Leaders for February/March

Sunday	8:30 Service	11:00 Service
February 28	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers
March 7	Need Volunteers	Marjorie Lamoso Need Volunteer
March 14	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers

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

During the 6 Sundays in Lent we will be following a study from *The Thoughtful Christian: Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem*. Each lesson is based on the Gospel reading for the day. While the lessons follow the Lenten story, each lesson is self-contained and does not build on the prior weeks' lessons.

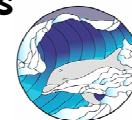
- February 28- Sunday Lenten Series Week 2
Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem: Atonement-Why The Cross?
- March 7- Sunday Lenten Series Week 3
Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem: Theodicy-Why do People Suffer?
- March 14 - Sunday Lenten Series Week 4
Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem: The Breadth of God's Grace
- March 21- Sunday Lenten Series Week 5
Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem: The Place of Wealth
- March 28 - Sunday Lenten Series Week 6
Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem: The Power of Palm Sunday

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

Our Thessalonians Book Study has gone well--when we have met! Because of inclement weather one Sunday and the desire to see/hear the report of the Mission Team to Holy Cross School in Belize, we need to re-contract for an additional week. That means

that we will meet in the Classroom in the Day School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday the 28th. Anyone is welcome to attend this lively discussion group!

2010 Lenten Meditations'



In Our Own Words 2010

The Lenten Reflections book is ready. The reflections are written by members of Emmanuel. They are based upon the book *The Porpoise Diving Life* by Bill Dahl, the Daily Office Readings and the Revised Common Lectionary of the Episcopal Church, USA.

In good stewardship of the earth and budget, this year we have put together 3 versions:

- 1 - Completely Online
- 2 - Online Readings, Printed Reflections
- 3 - Printed Reflections and Readings from "The Porpoise Diving Life" (by request)

Printed copies of the reflections are available on the table outside the Christian Formation office.

The author of the *Porpoise Diving Life*, Bill Dahl, is prayerfully participating along side us in our Lenten Meditations. He is open to any questions and comments you may have. You may reach him at: <http://www.BillDahl.net> or <http://www.theporpoisedivinglife.com/>

Online Version Instructions

Click on the link - or if unable to click, copy and paste into your browser:

<http://www.emmanuelvb.com/DailyMeditations.php>

- Click on the date you wish to read.
- A Word document containing clickable links to the day's Porpoise Diving Life reading and to the Scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary or Daily Office Readings will pop up. (Make sure you have disabled your pop-up blocker.)
- To access the Daily Office Readings you will have to click anywhere within the box first to activate the links.
- Hover the cursor over the underlined link, press the Ctrl key and click on the link.

May God bless you as you read and reflect during this Holy Lenten season.



2010 Lenten Series

Our Lenten Series begins tonight, 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

If you are interested in attending, please call the church office by Wednesday, February 24 at the latest.


Green Team Meeting Scheduled

The Green Team has a meeting on March 3 at 7 p.m. We are working on the planning for a Stewardship of Creation Sunday Worship Service near Earth day 2010! Come with your ideas!

Adults Less than Fortysomething (ALF) Goings On


Drive-thru Breakfast – This Sunday, February 28 9:30 a.m. Plan on staying after the 8:30 service, or come early for the 11:00 service to enjoy a terrific breakfast cooked by the Jenkins and Hallauer families. This is a great venue to greet and reach out and meet some new folks. Everyone is welcome.




 **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. Next meeting is March 16, 6 p.m. E-mail Heather Floyd at hl_floyd@yahoo.com with any questions. We meet at Jimmy's Restaurant in the Providence Square Shopping Center. EVERYONE is invited. Free childcare provided at church.



 **Mark Your Calendar** – Friday March 26 – Family Game Night – Wii games, Cards, Twister, you name it! Potluck and games – 6-8 pm FUN FOR EVERYONE. Put this on your calendar now and come have a great evening with friends, old and new.

 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.

ALF Thanks...

ALF,
Thanks a bunch for the great 'return to school' package! It really cheered me up and helped me get the semester off to a great start! Hope you are having a great February. See you soon!

Love,
Jimmy Orr

The Outreach Commission will meet on this Thursday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. Anyone interested is invited!



Day School News

Did you know that the Day School has contributed 106 canned and boxed food items to the

Emmanuel Food Pantry since Thanksgiving 2009? Our students contribute every week to our Share Basket when they attend chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Registration for the 2010-2011 school year has begun! If you or someone you know has a preschooler, ages 2 ½, 3 or 4, please come by for a tour or call us a 499-7393. Thank you.

Sarah Singer
Day School Director



Women's Health Seminar

On Tuesday, March 9, Terry Anderson McGuirk, Navy Nurse, will be presenting a health seminar for women at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested women are invited to join the Crafters for this presentation. Questions? Call Karlyn Chafee at 486-1169.

Thanks to Martha's Ministry from the Bates Family

Dear Martha's Ministry,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your hard work in organizing and carrying out a beautiful service and farewell reception for Jack. Everything was as I hoped it would be. Again, that you so very much.

Love,
Ruth and family

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.



Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 a.m. Sign up in the Parish Hall.

What's Happening

February

- 24 Inquirer's Class 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Outreach Commission 7:30 p.m.
- 26, 27 Adult Retreat at St. Andrew's By the Sea in Nags Head, NC
- 28 Drive-Thru Breakfast (9:30 a.m.); Soup Sunday lunch (12:30 p.m.)

March

- 2 Lenten Series
- 3 Green Team Meeting
- Inquirer's Class
- 5 Rock-n-Lock
- 6 Men's Breakfast
- 7 Confirmation Class
- 9 Women's Health Seminar
- Lenten Series
- 10 Inquirer's Class
- 13 Bishop's Day with Vestries

Scholarships Available

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Southern Virginia are offering scholarship aid to men and women for continuing education. These scholarships are only available to Episcopalians living the Diocese of Southern Virginia. The deadline for applying is July 1, 2010. There are two scholarships:

* The Elise Holladay Scholarship was established by the ECW as a memorial to Elise Holladay, an early president of the ECW of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. It provides assistance to men and women for continued education beyond high school in **undergraduate study only**. Scholarships are dependent on funds and will be no larger than \$500.

* The Tucker Memorial Scholarship was established in 1925 by the ECW as a memorial to the late Beverley Dandridge Tucker, Bishop of Southern Virginia from 1906-1930. It provides assistance to men and women in church-related training in an accredited Episcopal Church training school. One half of the Tucker scholarship must be repaid within five (5) years.

Applications for these scholarships are available in the church office.

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 1 Lent</i>					
Tuesday	Feb 23	<u>Psalm 45</u> ; <u>Psalm 47, 48</u>	<u>Genesis 37:12-24</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:20-31</u>	<u>Mark 1:14-28</u>
Wednesday	Feb 24	<u>Psalm 119:49-72</u> ; <u>Psalm 49, [53]</u>	<u>Genesis 37:25-36</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 2:1-13</u>	<u>Mark 1:29-45</u>
Thursday	Feb 25	<u>Psalm 50</u> <u>Psalm [59, 60]</u> <i>or</i> <u>19, 46</u>	<u>Genesis 39:1-23</u>	<u>1 Cor. 2:14-3:15</u> ;	<u>Mark 2:1-12</u>
Friday	Feb 26	<u>Psalm 95 40, 54</u> <u>Psalm 51</u>	<u>Genesis 40:1-23</u> ;	<u>1 Corinthians 3:16-23</u> ;	<u>Mark 2:13-22</u>
Saturday	Feb 27	<u>Psalm 55</u> <u>Psalm 138, 139:1-17(18-23)</u>	<u>Genesis 41:1-13</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 4:1-7</u> ;	<u>Mark 2:23-3:6</u>
<i>Week of 2 Lent</i>					
Sunday	Feb 28	<u>Psalm 24, 29</u> ; <u>Psalm 8, 84</u>	<u>Genesis 41:14-45</u>	<u>Romans 6:3-14</u>	<u>John 5:19-24</u>
Monday	March 1	<u>Psalm 56, 57, [58]</u> ; <u>Psalm 64, 65</u>	<u>Genesis 41:46-57</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 4:8-20(21)</u>	<u>Mark 3:7-19a</u>
Tuesday	March 2	<u>Psalm 61, 62</u> ; <u>Psalm 68:1-20(21-23)24-36</u>	<u>Genesis 42:1-17</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 5:1-8</u>	<u>Mark 3:19b-35</u>
Wednesday	March 3	<u>Psalm 72</u> <u>Psalm 119:73-96</u>	<u>Genesis 42:18-28</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 5:9-6:8</u>	<u>Mark 4:1-20</u>
Thursday	March 4	<u>Psalm [70], 71</u> ; <u>Psalm 74</u>	<u>Genesis 42:29-38</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 6:12-20</u>	<u>Mark 4:21-34</u>
Friday	March 5	<u>Psalm 95 69:1-23(24-30)31-38</u> <u>Psalm 73</u>	<u>Genesis 43:1-15</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 7:1-9</u>	<u>Mark 4:35-41</u>
Saturday	March 6	<u>Psalm 75, 76</u> <u>Psalm 23, 27</u>	<u>Genesis 43:16-34</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 7:10-24</u>	<u>Mark 5:1-20</u>

Schedule for February 28, 2010

PREACHER: The Rev. John Baldwin

7:30 a.m.

LAY READER: Joanne Wade

8:30 a.m.

LAY READERS: James Carver, Sandy Everton
USHERS: John McKee, Dave Mansfield, Okie Thompson
ACOLYTES: Suzanne Maxey, Jesse Totten, Ben Hufford,
Sara Orr, Katy Christison, Jamie White
HEALING MINISTERS: Loretta Mann, Dana VanVliet
VESTRY GREETER: Joe Stiles
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: John & Marlyn Lam
WELCOMER: Marty Basden

11:00 a.m.

LAY READERS: Pat Holden, Doug Irvin
USHERS: Lisa Jerauld, Tom Rychlik, Bob Myers
ACOLYTES: Audrey Jerauld, Irvin Bertucci, Nathan Hyatt,
Nicholas Taylor, David Maple

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, Phil, and Rebekah.

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.

HEALING MINISTERS: Lynne Coates, Nancy Snell
VESTRY GREETER: Kirke White
COFFEE HOUR HOST: Vikki Renzulli
WELCOMERS: Ollie Upson, Bob Lewis
COUNTERS: (3/1) George Chafee, Dwain Emry, Ollie Upson, Jane Smith
ALTAR GUILD: (2/27-3/12) Joan Maher, Ruth Bates, Betsy Peter, Gloria White, Gena Duncan, Connie Peterson, Shanon Phillips
FLOWER GUILD: (2/27) Sandy Everton, Joanie Upson, Joann Elrod
LAY READER LAUNDERERS: (2/21-3/6) Gary & Linda Ardison
NEWSLETTER: (3/3) Connie Peterson, Tom & Diane Sugg
NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS: Tom & Diane Sugg

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