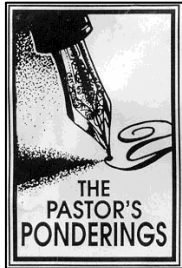


# The Epistle

February 7, 2010

*Sharing the Joy and Power of Life in Christ*



## Rector's Corner

Last Saturday night a staff member called to ask if we were canceling church on Sunday. I was a little surprised at the question. It's not customary for Episcopal churches to cancel services. If the priest can physically get there, and at least one other...where two or three are gathered in the Lord's name...there will be a service on

Sunday. After all, if the postman could deliver my mail on Saturday in the midst of the snow storm, how could I not make an effort to get to Emmanuel? What's with all these whimpy Baptist churches canceling services?

As it was, Sunday was a terrific morning at Emmanuel. I left my home about 45 minutes earlier than usual in order to scrape off the car windows and drive slowly down Princess Anne Road. When I got to the church in plenty of time, I was delighted to see that Charlie Schindler Sr. had managed to find someone to plow our parking lot last night. I shoveled the walk up to the parish hall, and as I was doing so, Dick Wilk drove up to start coffee brewing. We were underway. There were 6 at the 7:30 service along with Charlie Schindler who arrived to shovel the rest of the walkways. Then there were 52 present at 8:30 and 50 at 11:00.

What made the morning particularly special and memorable (definitely worth getting off of St. Mattress, as my wife calls it) was the dialogue sermon given by two of our youth, Paige Garber and Torin Wright (at all 3 services!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!) on the morning's epistle (1 Corinthians 13). They were superb, giving a very meaningful and powerful sermon. Sorry so many missed it!!! This being a 5th Sunday, we had planned a role reversal with youth doing what our layreaders normally do, and adults doing what our acolytes normally do. And so, Josh Garber led the Prayers of the People, Sean Mack read scripture, and Emma Meredith and CJ Crissman served as chalice bearers. They were terrific!!! A little more challenged were our acolytes, John Sutton, Gail Bierman, Laurry Rodman, Curt Womble and Betty Schindler who all gained new appreciation for the challenges facing our young people at the altar every Sunday.

There is something wonderful about a service where people make a special effort to be present. Bring on the snow!!!

## Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) Meeting

This Sunday, February 7, there will be a meeting of all current Lay Eucharistic Ministers (and anyone interested in becoming one) in the Rector's office at 10 a.m. This is a very special ministry of bringing communion to those physically unable to be present with us on Sunday mornings because they are in the hospital or shut-in.

## 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 next 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 7	Paul & Betsy Peter	Marjorie Lamoso
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](mailto:ccf@emmanuelvb.org) or call 499-1271 to help lead the future!

## Upcoming Adult Forum Topics

### February 7 - Digital Networking & Spirituality.

Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, blogs....how can they enhance our spiritual experience and enrich our community? Presented by Melissa Thomas



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



## New! for the Christian Formation Hour

A 4-week study on Paul's letters to the Thessalonians led by Kirke White.

Sundays February 7, 14, 21 - 9:45-10:45 A.M.

There is a \$5 cost for the study guide. Sign up in the Parish Hall by January 10 so we can order enough copies.

## 2010 Lenten Meditations:

It's time to read, reflect, write, respond & put together our annual Lenten Reflections booklet, "In Our Own Words....". This season we will be using The Porpoise Diving Life by Bill Dahl as the basis for our reflection. This online book/blog is available at <http://www.theporpoisedivinglife.com>. Sign up for a day or two. Printed copies of the daily readings are available in the Parish Hall. 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](mailto: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 News



Don't forget to pick up your Super Bowl subs after your preferred service this Sunday.

12" subs - \$6  
6" subs - \$4

Chips and drinks will be available for purchase as well.

## Youth Coming Attractions

**February 7** - Where's Waldo? Rite 13 and J2A

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

## YAC News

Attention 11th and 12th graders  
YAC dates for February:

**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](mailto: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



Care Packages were sent to all current college students on file with the church office. If you know of a college student who has not received a care package from us, please turn in his/her information to the church office. A big

THANK YOU to Charlotte Jenkins for her hard work in getting these done.



## Softball anyone?

We are looking for anyone 18 and over interested in playing on the church softball team this spring. Please e-mail Jennifer

Hallauer [hallauers@verizon.net](mailto:hallauers@verizon.net) by January 31 with any questions or if you are interested.



## Game Night/Potluck

**Friday February 5 - 6-8 p.m.**

Come on out for a fun-filled night. Consider it a pre-Super Bowl party!

Bring a dish to share, some indoor games

(twister, cornhole, whatever!) This is open to the entire parish. Sign up in the Parish Hall.

## BUBBLES



(Biblical Understanding thru Budweiser Barnuts, Laughter, Explanations and Suds) – is gearing up for 2010. No meeting in Jan, but look for our February 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

**Future selections:** February – *The Wedding Officer* by Anthony Capella

March - *The Lace Reader* by Barry Bruonia

April - *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore

May - *Driftless* by David Rhodes

## A Note from our Belize Missionaries

Thank you, Emmanuel for your support of the Belize project. Holy Cross Anglican School is an amazing success story that has inspired all of us to plan another trip. We have many stories to tell about the children, their teachers, and the Wilsons, who have accomplished a miracle in Belize. Pictures will be posted on the Emmanuel website later this week. Also, please plan to attend the Adult Forum on Sunday, February 14, to hear our personal reflections and to learn why we have to keep supporting this mission.

We also want to thank the Mancones and the Sloughs for their airport taxi service before sunrise and through the snow.

Yours In Christ,

The Belize 18 (Nickelsburgs, O'Connors, Upsons, Muellers, Hungerfords, Orrs, Terry McGuirk, Susan Rodriguez, Heather Floyd, Tanisha Daniels, Walt Altice, Mike Emry)

## ...and from Holy Cross Anglican School

Dear Friends at Emmanuel Episcopal Church,

Your recent gift will help ensure that the ministry of Holy Cross grows and nurtures the children of San Pedro throughout all of 2010. We rejoice that God has touched your hearts with concern for the disadvantaged children of Belize. Our children learn that Jesus loves them through the many prayers, generous donations, and financial contributions that

are sent to Holy Cross by folks like you. To paraphrase the words of St. Teresa of Avila, "Christ has no hands or feet on earth, except for yours. It is through your eyes that He sees the needs of His children. Through your ears the cries of the disadvantaged come to Him and through your mouths His blessings are spoken." May God continue to bless you and everything you do in His name.

In Christ,  
Francis Wilson  
Local Manager, Holy Cross Anglican School

### **A Special Thank You**

The family of Jack Bates wishes to thank our Emmanuel family for its love and support during Jack's illness and after his death. The Celebration of Life service and the reception following will remain a treasured memory to each of us.

With love and appreciation,  
Ruth Bates and Family



**Crafter's Valentine Sale**  
**Sunday, February 7**  
**Between Services**  
*Pashminas (cashmere shawls)*  
*Chocolate Turtles*

**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.

### **What's Happening**

#### **February**

- 1 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Game Night/Potluck Dinner 6 – 8 p.m.
- 7 Crafters' Valentine Sale  
Where's Waldo – Rite 13 & J2A
- 12 Annual Council begins in Wmsbg.
- 14 Full Circle  
Convocation II Valentine Dance – all youth groups
- 16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
Vestry Meeting
- 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.
- 26, 27 Adult Retreat at St. Andrew's By the Sea on the  
Outer Banks

### **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.

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 IV</i>	Tuesday	Feb 2	<a href="#">61, 62</a> <a href="#">68:1-20(21-23)</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 21:1-21</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 11:13-22</a> <a href="#">John 6:41-51</a>
	Wednesday	Feb 3	<a href="#">72</a> <a href="#">119:73-96</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 22:1-18</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 11:23-31</a> <a href="#">John 6:52-59</a>
	Thursday	Feb 4	<a href="#">[70], 71</a> <a href="#">74</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 23:1-20</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 11:32-12:2</a> <a href="#">John 6:60-71</a>
	Friday	Feb 5	<a href="#">69:1-23(24-30)31-38 73</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 24:1-27</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 12:3-11</a> <a href="#">John 7:1-13</a>
	Saturday	Feb 6	<a href="#">75, 76</a> <a href="#">23, 27</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 24:28-38,49-51</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 12:12-29</a> <a href="#">John 7:14-36</a>
<i>Week of Epiphany V</i>	Sunday	Feb 7	<a href="#">93, 96</a> <a href="#">34</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 24:50-67</a>	<a href="#">2 Timothy 2:14-21</a> <a href="#">Mark 10:13-22</a>
	Monday	Feb 8	<a href="#">80</a> <a href="#">77, [79]</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 25:19-34</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 13:1-16</a> <a href="#">John 7:37-52</a>
	Tuesday	Feb 9	<a href="#">78:1-39 78:40-72</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 26:1-6,12-33</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 13:17-25</a> <a href="#">John 7:53-8:11</a>
	Wednesday	Feb 10	<a href="#">119:97-120 81, 82</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 27:1-29</a>	<a href="#">Romans 12:1-8</a> <a href="#">John 8:12-20</a>
	Thursday	Feb 11	<a href="#">[83] 146 85, 86</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 27:30-45</a>	<a href="#">Romans 12:9-21</a> <a href="#">John 8:21-32</a>
	Friday	Feb 12	<a href="#">88</a> <a href="#">91, 92</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 27:46-28:4,10-22;</a>	<a href="#">Romans 13:1-14</a> <a href="#">John 8:33-47</a>
	Saturday	Feb 13	<a href="#">87, 90</a> <a href="#">136</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 29:1-20</a>	<a href="#">Romans 14:1-23</a> <a href="#">John 8:47-59</a>

**Schedule for February 7, 2010**

PREACHER: The Rev. John Baldwin

**7:30 a.m.**

LAY READER: Mary Lynn Slough

**8:30 a.m.**

LAY READERS: Bill Orr, Tim Sessions  
 USHERS: Ken Eastwood, Doug Lewis, Chris Lam  
 ACOLYTES: Suzanne Maxey, Jesse Totten, Ben Hufford, Sara Orr, Katy Christison, Jamie White  
 HEALING MINISTERS: Donna Lewis, David Wade  
 VESTRY GREETER: Allan Doughty  
 COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Darla & Steve Furman  
 WELCOMERS: Jim & Sharon O'Meara

**11:00 a.m.**

LAY READERS: Gary & Linda Ardison  
 USHERS: Mike & Diann Nickelsburg, John Mack  
 ACOLYTES: Audrey Jerauld, Irvin Bertucci, Nathan Hyatt,

Nicholas Taylor, David Maple  
 HEALING MINISTERS: Pat Paull, Elaine Shrader  
 VESTRY GREETER: Laurry Rodman  
 COFFEE HOUR HOST: Cindy & John McKenzie  
 WELCOMER: Terry McGuirk  
 COUNTERS: (2/8) Susie Livingston, Loretta Jensen, Dottie Page, Dick Wilk, Allan Doughty, Carole Seal  
 ALTAR GUILD: (1/30-2/12) Janet Thomas, Sallie Davis, Loretta Mann, Tracie Filipich, Loretta Jensen  
 FLOWER GUILD: (2/6) Nancy Larmore, Garnett Shores  
 LAY READER LAUNDERER: (2/7-2/20) Duncan & Karin Bell  
 NEWSLETTER: (2/10) Suzy Cooksey, Romelda McKee  
 NEWSLETTER DELIVERER: Cindy McKenzie

**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, 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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