



**2016**

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## Homecoming Picnic and Ministry Fair

If you're like me, your summer has been filled with adventures, camps, vacations, and stay-cations. With the school year around the corner and August drawing to a close what better way to ring in the Fall than with an EEC Homecoming Picnic and Ministry Fair? On Sunday, September 11 following the 10:30 a.m. service we will host a parish wide picnic in the lovely backyard of parishioners Margaret and Brett Wohler. Thank you to the Wohler's for their amazing hospitality!

New to Emmanuel? The picnic is a perfect time to learn more about the parish and its community. EEC old timer? The picnic is a perfect way to share stories about your summer adventures! Have kids? The Wohler's backyard is perfect for all ages and explorers. Don't like picnics? Seriously? Who doesn't like picnics?

EEC will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, water and juice for the kids. The rest of the food will be potluck, so please plan to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. The Wohlers have a beautiful outdoor space so plan to bring a blanket or camping chairs for sitting.

Want to get involved? We're looking for a few folks to help in the following areas:

- **Grill** — Have an additional grill that's easily transportable? We have two secured but could use a third.
- **Set-up** — Following communion, we need 2-3 people to help start grills and set-up tables.
- **Clean-up** — We need 2-3 people to help transport tables back to EEC and restore the Wohler's backyard.

Contact [Jennifer Jones](#) (917-971-7817) if you're interested.



### Details:

Sunday, September 11 | Following the 10:30 AM Service until around 3:30 PM

Margaret and Brett Wohler's Home | 103 East Nelson Avenue

Rain location: Parish Hall

### High Notes Submissions

Articles for the *October High Notes* must be submitted to [Kelli](#) by Friday, September 16.

## 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. Shannon Johnston  
The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff  
The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick

### Emmanuel Church Staff

#### Rector

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

#### Priest Associate

[The Rev. Joani Peacock](#)

#### Seminarians

[Gethin Wied](#)

[Rick Bauer](#)

#### Director of Spiritual Formation for Children and Youth

[Toni Buranen](#)

#### Organist/Choir Director

[Ryan Fitch](#)

#### Parish Administrator

[Kelli Corts](#)

#### Administrative Assistant

[Karen O'Hern](#)

#### Nursery Caregivers

Lillian Urrea  
Natalie De Leon Santizo  
Sara Guzman

#### Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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## Meet Our New Seminarian: Rick Bauer

With heartfelt enthusiasm, a big HELLO to all of my new Brothers and Sisters in Christ here at EEC! As I begin a year of Field Education as your new Seminarian, I look forward to learning more about the unique identity of your wonderful parish and to sharing in Christian community with each of you. I

pray that you will also welcome my wife Katrina and our sons Ricky (4) and Christian (2) as we journey together. We come to you from the warm, multi-cultural beach city of Fort Lauderdale in urban South Florida. We are used to rhythms of life that are tempered by the presence of sand between our toes and the friendly smiles of people who have made a home out of a vacation destination. But that being said, we're acclimating well to the new pace of life here and have embraced the changes with a spirit of adventure and a firm trust in the Lord.

Before our move to Northern Virginia to train at VTS, I worked as a lay professional for St. Mark's Episcopal Church & School in Fort Lauderdale as the Religion Instructor and the Director of Youth and Contemporary Music. I also

performed four nights per week, playing guitar and singing in a small band with my father. Katrina served as a public school teacher in Miami-Dade County and is now a busy mom, working remotely as a Supervisor for Florida

Virtual Schools. We're committed parents who want to do our utmost to help co-create the kind of environment that we want our children to grow up in. We look forward to our time together!

*Yours in Christ,  
Rick Bauer*

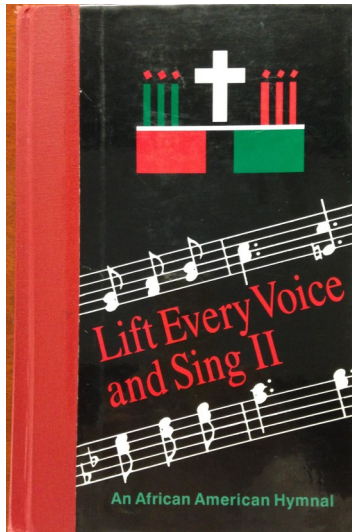
Please check out my [website](#) for more information about our journey and the music that I have made.



# User-Friendly Dictionary

"What in the heck am I sitting on???" Have you ever sat down in an aisle seat in the pew and found it uncomfortable? You have probably sat on a red/black/green hardback book, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African American Hymnal* (a/k/a LEVAS). To help ease your irritation, let me tell you about this very special book.

The collection was published in 1993 by the Church Hymnal Corporation as a supplement to The Hymnal 1982 (the blue book in the pew rack). It contains 234 hymns and songs, and 36 selections of service music for the Holy Eucharist. The music is drawn from the following genres: Negro spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel songs, adapted Protestant hymns, missionary and evangelistic hymns, and service music and Mass settings in both traditional and gospel styles. The Episcopal Commission for Black Ministries developed the book with the Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr., former Suffragan Bishop of Ohio, as chair of the editorial board. Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer was general editor, and Dr. Carl Haywood was service music editor. The volume was dedicated to the Rev. Curtis Winfield Sisco, Jr. (1958-1992), who was liturgical editor. (Note: Horace Boyer led our Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont a few years ago and had every single person there singing like never before.)



And the book's title? Often referred to as the "Black American National Anthem" it is a song written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson (1871–1938) in 1899. The hymn was publicly performed first as a poem as part of a celebration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12, 1900, by 500 school children at the segregated Stanton School. Its principal, James Weldon Johnson, had written

the words to introduce its honored guest, Booker T. Washington. The poem was set to music soon after by Johnson's brother John in 1905. In 1919, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) dubbed it "The Negro National Anthem" for its power in voicing the cry for liberation and affirmation for African-American people.

So next time you sit on it, pick it up and take a look — and when you see a notation in the bulletin that we are singing a LEVAS hymn, lift your voice and sing out!

*Meredith Wade  
Clerk of the Vestry*

Source: [theepiscopalchurch.org](http://theepiscopalchurch.org)

## 2016 Vestry

[Bob Carragher](#) (Senior Warden)  
[Adam Schildge](#) (Junior Warden)  
[Lola Beggs](#) · [Leo Cruz](#) · [Joe Dresen](#)  
[Katie Kelly](#) · [Emily McNaughton](#)  
[Bryan Moore](#) · [Joe Scott](#)  
[Margaret Wohler](#) · [Chris Yianilos](#)  
[Gene Lange](#) (Treasurer)  
[Meredith Wade](#) (Clerk)

## Contacts for Ministry Teams

**Communications:** [Leo Cruz](#)

**Fellowship :** [Lola Beggs](#), [Chris Yianilos](#)  
 Coffee Hour Baristas: [Elena Mazzeo](#)  
 Craft & Sewing Group: [Gudrun Callahan](#)  
 Inreach/Compassionate Care: [Nancy Dupree](#)  
 Newcomers Welcome: [Lola Beggs](#)  
 Prime Timers: [Jim Bradley](#)  
 Shrine Mont Parish Retreat: [Joe Scott](#)  
 Twenties & Thirties: [Leo Cruz](#), [Jennifer Jones](#)

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**Service:** [Katie Kelly](#), [Bryan Moore](#)  
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 Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast: [Jennifer Jones](#)  
 Carpenter's Shelter: Dinner: [Sean Ellis](#)  
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 Free School Physical Program: [Bonnie Lilley](#)  
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 Haitian Coffee Sales: [Kim Scott](#)  
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 Building and Grounds: [Dwayne Piepenburg](#)  
 Finance: [Stewart Bartley](#)  
 Foundation: [Jane Kolson](#)  
 Yard Sale: [Tom and Taylor Craig](#)

**Teaching:** [Meredith Wade](#), [Margaret Wohler](#)  
 Adult Spiritual Formation: [Beth Boland](#)  
 Sunday School: [Toni Buranen](#)  
 Youth: [Toni Buranen](#), [Janie Piemonte](#)

**Worship:** [Bob Carragher](#), [Chuck McCoart](#)  
 Acolytes: [Kelly and Joe Dresen](#)  
 Altar Guild: [Christina Bartley](#)  
 Counters: [Jim Bradley](#)  
 Music (Adult and Youth Choirs): [Ryan Fitch](#)  
 Music (Guitar Circle): [Stewart Bartley](#)  
 Readers (8:00): [Suji Kelly](#)  
 Readers and Chalice (10:30): [Jerry Boykin](#)  
 Ushers: [Bob Callahan](#)  
 Worship: [Nancy Dupree](#)

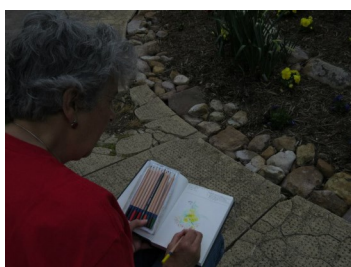


## TnT — Call for Team Members

Do you like movies, hiking, karaoke, or apple picking? Do you enjoy outings with your fellow 20s and 30s? Do you have ideas for a future event? Then consider joining the TNT Fellowship Team! We are looking for a few members of the EEC family to join us in the planning of events for the 20s / 30s group. Time commitment will be minimal and the team will only be responsible for planning 3-4 events a year. Planning consists of coming up with ideas, then getting the word out. It's that easy! Interested? Contact TnT Team Coordinator [Jennifer](#) or find us at the ministry fair on September 11!



## Hike and Nature Journaling



If you missed Margaret Wohler's outdoor drawing programs at Shrine Mont, you can still join us for some hiking and nature journaling at Huntley Meadows Park this fall! Margaret is teaching two

sketch classes and all materials are provided; every participant gets a field art kit to keep. All classes meet at the Visitor's Center:

Saturday, September 3. Wetland Ecology sketch hike from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Register [here](#).

Saturday, October 1. Wetland Wildflowers sketch hike, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Register [here](#).

Please consider including Emmanuel Church or Foundation in your will or living trust. For more information, contact [Jane Kolson](#).

## Prime Timers

Emmanuel's Prime Timers enjoyed a fun summer outing at Olivo Tasting Room in Old Town on August 2, followed by a nice lunch at the Pines of Florence.



## Blackish Conversation

On June 24, after watching an episode of *Blackish*, titled, "Hope," a dozen parishioners gathered with members of the Adult Spiritual Formation Team to discuss how we choose to respond as individuals and as a faith community when confronted with inequality. One participant said afterwards, "I'm proud to be a part of a church which is not afraid to discuss potentially uncomfortable topics of conversation. I'm so glad I attended this evening's discussion." Amen.



# Spiritual Formation for Children and Youth

*"God has shown you, O people, what is good.  
And what does Yahweh require of you? Only  
this: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk  
humbly with your God."*

—Micah 6:8

Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a great summer! The beginning of the summer was over-busy for us, but we were able to get a real break on the beautiful Mt. Desert Island in Maine. It was hard to leave.

Soon after you read this, the Sunday school and youth ministers will be spending time on retreat in preparation for the new school year. Our theme is "life-wide ministry" allowing our call to faith-based service to permeate our lives.

Along these lines, as we begin this new school year, I am reminded of the words of the prophet Micah to remain in relationship with God, working for justice, growing in mercy, and walking with a God who loves us. This is one reason we are called to Christian community and why we bring our children to church. We ground ourselves and nurture in our children this same groundedness in faith. It doesn't end when we walk out of church. We are called to go out to the world and be the good news. But church offers us a touchstone, a remembrance. It can break into our busy weekends and give us time to breathe and all the while, we and our children grow in God.

May this new school year offer opportunities for a renewed commitment to be church and to walk humbly with God! We are looking forward to a great year!

*With gratitude and peace,  
Toni*

## Program Needs

- Serving as a 2/3 grade Sunday school teacher, a substitute, or floater as a part of a team on a rotating basis, once or twice a month. **Note:** we currently do not have enough teachers for our 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday school team. Please consider volunteering for this fun ministry!
- Developing/facilitating/supporting a Coffee Chat on faith, parenting, etc., on Sunday school mornings, from 9:55 to 10:25 a.m., prior to the

10:30 a.m. service, for parents of Sunday school students whose class meeting begins at the same time. Toni is happy to work with this volunteer to provide ideas and support.

- Providing monthly or quarterly onsite mini-service projects for families with children during coffee hour in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service. Toni can provide ideas and supplies!

## Registration and Calendar

It is important that each family take time to download and fill out a [registration form](#) for the new school year. This is for Sunday school (pre-K thru 5th grade), God & Donuts (grades 6 thru 8), and the Senior High School Youth Group (grades 9 thru 12). Only one form per family is required so that we may do our best planning for your children, plus this gives us important contact and emergency/allergy information. Please drop off forms at the church office or bring to our faith formation open house.

This year's calendar can be found [here](#).

## Open House and Teacher Commissioning

Our open house for Sunday school, middle and high school will be on Sunday, September 11, from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. followed by our Teacher Commissioning at the 10:30 a.m. service. This is an awesome opportunity to meet the teachers and kick off the new school year! We look forward to seeing you there. Again, please feel free to bring your registration forms on that day or drop them off in the church office beforehand. You are also welcome to send them via email to [Toni](#).

## Sunday School Begins September 18

Sunday school meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. most Sundays and our middle and high school youth group meetings are approximately twice a month from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. Everything begins on Sunday, September 18. Check out the faith formation [calendar](#) for exact dates.

Teachers work hard to prepare the best program they can. Your commitment to participation and to being on time is greatly appreciated. The more kids there are, the more fun your kids will have!

Any questions? Please contact [Toni](#).

## 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

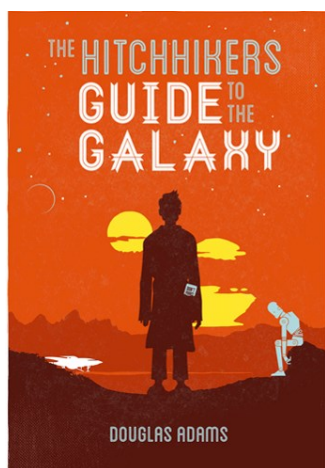
come to all! The series is appropriate for all ages!

- September 11 — *The Seekers*
- September 18 — *Love's Story*
- September 25 — *Acts of Faith*
- October 2 — *A Change is Gonna Come*
- October 9 — *God Help Us*

Questions? Just ask [Joani](#).

## The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer

### An Inquirer's Class and Roadmap to Confirmation/Reception



Douglas Adams' highly entertaining *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* came out in 1983. It's a book about a book.

*"It's the story of a book — not an earth book, never published on Earth...never seen or even heard by any Earthman."*

*A remarkable book and also a highly successful one — more popular than "The Celestial*

*Home Care Omnibus", better selling than "Fifty three More Things to Do in Zero Gravity," more controversial than Oolon's philosophical blockbuster: "Who is this God Person Anyway?"*

*In many of the more relaxed parts of the Galaxy, the "Hitchhiker's Guide" has already supplanted the great Encyclopedia Galactica as the standard repository of all*

*knowledge and wisdom!"*

Adams' science fiction phone book remains a best seller — a hilarious, self help star chart to help you find your place in the cosmos. Now we Episcopalians are the People of the Book: Two remarkable books actually — the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. In worship every Sunday we use both — just printed on different paper.

While scripture is always primary, it is with the Book of Common Prayer that we both proclaim our faith and stake out our place in God's universe.

So on five Sunday mornings this fall at 9:15 a.m. in the Memorial Room, you are invited to stick out your thumb and join me for the *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: An Anglican Roadmap to the Cosmos*. Together we'll explore the traditions, prayers, sacraments, history, spirituality, and ethics found in the pages of the BCP.

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- October 2 — *Pray Your Way through the Day: The Daily Office*
- October 9 — NO CLASS
- October 16 — *We Receive You Into the Household of God: Baptism*
- October 23 — *Unite Us to Your Son in this Sacrifice: The Holy Eucharist*
- October 30 — *The Communion of Saints: Holy Women, Holy Men*
- November 6 — *Everyday is a Holy Day: The Liturgical Year*



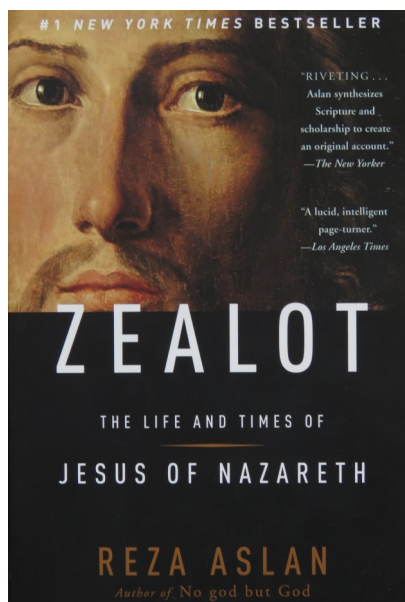
The sessions are designed to be interactive and hands on. Each participant will receive their very own copy of the BCP!

Explorers of all kinds are welcome — cradle Episcopalians, as well as newcomers to the faith. The class culminates with the Bishop's Visitation on Sunday, November 13.

Participants who choose may go forward for confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation.

Interested? Questions? Want to sign up? Contact [Joani](#).

## October Book Discussion: *Zealot*



You believe in Jesus, the Christ, but what do you know about Jesus, the man? If you're curious to learn more about Jesus's life in the context of political intrigue and the "era of apocalyptic expectation among the Jews of Palestine," then reading the book *Zealot*, by Reza Aslan, may be for you! And you may want to join the discussion group that will be meeting in October to explore the

book's themes and theories. You do not have to read the book to join the discussion, nor let anyone know in advance that you'd like to be part of the group. BUT: the meeting date and time have not been determined and if you want to have a say in scheduling the discussion, contact [Beth Boland](#) to express your preferences for day of the week and time (e.g. weekday evening, Sunday after church, etc.), along with any dates you would not be able to make it. Final details will follow in Emmanuel's October newsletter.

## "Appearance of Life"

### Save the Date

Friday, November 4 | 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM | Parish Hall

Join the Adult Spiritual Formation Team for a night at the theater! "Appearance of Life," a one-woman show by parishioner Jennifer S. Jones is a riveting thriller about one woman's search for the truth. Set in Buenos Aires, Argentina, "Appearance of Life" follows the story of an Argentine woman who becomes radicalized when her daughter is "disappeared" by the military dictatorship. Based on dozens of first-hand interviews conducted by the author, this internationally renowned, critically acclaimed show is not to be missed.



Appearance of Life: Jennifer S. Jones  
Photo by David Hines

## Carpenter's Shelter Dinner Coordinator



Emmanuel is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our monthly dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter. We have a

passionate and committed group of volunteers that make our dinner a success each month — the coordinator does not necessarily need to participate each month, but rather make sure we have adequate volunteers and groceries, and step in when needed.

Our dinner ministry cooks and serves a hot meal to approximately 50 to 75 guests once a month (the first Wednesday) at the Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria. The Carpenter's Shelter aids chronically homeless families and individuals by providing safe housing, job-seeking assistance, and other social services to aid in their transition into independent living. Volunteers like EEC provide 100% of meals at the shelter and this ministry makes a big difference in the nutrition and comfort of many families and individuals. Children

under 18 years old are not allowed to volunteer in the shelter.

The coordinator will be responsible for the following:

- Coordinate volunteers to serve at the shelter from approximately 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to set up the dining area, cook food, serve dinner, and clean the kitchen.
- Recruit new volunteers and make announcements to keep the parish informed.
- Coordinate volunteers to drop off dishes or ingredients in advance.
- Plan dinner menu. The current menu is Mexican fare and consists of quesadillas, tacos, Mexican salad, and dessert (cookies or ice cream sandwiches).
- Serve as EEC contact with Carpenter's Shelter staff and volunteer coordinator for any issues that arise with this activity.

Contact [Sean Ellis](#) if you are interested.

## Meals on Wheels



Some of Emmanuel's dedicated Meals on Wheels team. Photo courtesy of the [August 18 Alexandria Gazette Packet](#), page 14.

## Big Impact, Small Commitment

Each year, several Emmanuel parishioners volunteer with the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium to work with first grade and kindergarten students. We need a new Tutoring representative to cheerlead and monitor their efforts. It's a simple position that makes a big impact. The Tutoring representative recruits tutors in the fall and gives periodic reports to the Outreach Team. Anyone can serve in this position; you do not need to do tutoring yourself and ATC coordinates all scheduling with individual tutors. We are interested in growing our opportunities to serve more youth across Alexandria; the tutoring chair can help to frame our future efforts. Please see [Kelly Dresen](#) for more information.

Also, for new and returning tutors, it's time to sign up with [ATC](#) for the coming year.



## Haiti Visit

Emmanuel members John Maass and Sean Ellis visited Ste. Croix Parish in Leogane, Haiti, for four days in July as part of the Outreach Ministry's efforts to support the needs of that church and associated school. In the past, Emmanuel has donated at least \$5,000 per year to this impoverished parish, led by Rev. Sonley Joseph, who visited EEC for several days last January. Our support has primarily been to provide 250 school kids lunch each day they are in school, which is often one of the only two meals they eat daily. Sonley hosted John and Sean at the rectory for their visit, and led them on tours of the school, the church (constructed since the 2010 earthquake), a nearby hospital, a nursing school, and a distant mission church, which was also devastated by the earthquake. They were able to see the school's classrooms, library, and other facilities; the primitive building where the school lunches are cooked over open fires; a new kindergarten building currently under construction; and meet with several teachers at the school.

Sean and John were able to transport over 40 pounds of much-needed school supplies to the parish as well. Several additional areas of support for Emmanuel to consider include improving the school kitchen and adding a water supply to it; rebuilding the kindergarten latrine; providing playground items such as frisbees and jump ropes; providing books and other educational materials for the students and teachers; and a 2017 mission trip of volunteers from our parish to help with maintenance, painting, and a week-long summer music camp at the school. These issues will be discussed at the next Outreach Team meeting on Sunday, October 2.

Additionally John and Sean will be showing slides and talking about their recent trip after both services on September 18.





### Emmanuel Preschool Staff

#### Director

[Ressa Jones](#)

#### Office Administrator

[Dawn Doucette](#)

#### Financial Administrator

[Kelli Corts](#)

#### Teachers

Michelle Brayman  
Mary Beth Conry  
Amy Ernst  
Christy Finn  
Mollee Hansen  
Sarah Higgins  
Anne Hubbard  
Jacqueline Kittredge  
Nicole Maris  
Dana Mutscheller  
Nancy Palmer  
Kate Schneider  
Cappie Stiers  
Susan Stockton  
Sara Tiedemann  
Mary Anne Troxell

#### School Hours

Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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## Preschool News

September is an exciting month for the Preschool as we welcome back teachers and students and launch our new school year! Teachers returned for several days of professional development and classroom set-up at the end of August, including a workshop with psychologist and Early Childhood Development Specialist Dr. Rene Hackney. Thanks to a grant we received through the Rotary Club, we will be working with Dr. Rene throughout the school year and look forward to this collaboration. In September we also host our Back to School Night, which gives parents the opportunity to hear more detailed information about logistics, see their child's classroom, and meet teachers. But most importantly, our hallways will once again be filled with the joyful voices of our students, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things they will accomplish this year!



*Ressa Jones  
Preschool Director*



Fun for everyone while the Adult Spiritual Formation Team gathers.



## A Taste of the Evening School at VTS



The Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart

"Faithful Leadership in the Face of Social Unrest and Racial Division"

sponsored by

Lifetime Theological Education at Virginia Theological Seminary

How do we balance the various "lives" we bring to the issues of social justice and race relations in this country and how does scripture frame our view? As a black woman, former police officer, mother of a young black male and now as a clergyperson, Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart provides a window on the "conversations" that continue to take place in our churches and communities. Her lecture titled "Faithful Leadership in the Face of Social Unrest and Racial Division," will be featured at this year's Taste of the Evening School event. All community members are invited to find out more about course offerings, register for courses, and hear Rev. Fisher Stewart's important insights.

This program is co-sponsored by the Lifetime Theological Education and the Multi-Cultural Ministries offices of Virginia Theological Seminary. The Evening School of Theology provides accessible, theologically rich courses for church lay leaders and anyone seeking a deeper knowledge of the Christian faith.

**Program Date:** Tuesday, September 6, 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

**Conference Location:** Addison Academic Center, Virginia Theological Seminary

**Schedule:** Reception & Welcome at 6:45 p.m.; lecture begins at 7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Event is free

**RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/Taste-Evening-9-06>

## Vestry HiLites

At its regular June meeting, the Vestry....

- Approved a proposal to bring The Rev. Joani Peacock on staff as Priest Associate. Joani will receive a stipend of \$833.33/month (in compliance with conditions of the Episcopal Pension Fund).
- Invited Emily McNaughton to fill Patrick Adam's term on the Vestry. Emily accepted and will serve until January 2018. Doug Wheeler submitted his resignation from the Vestry. Chuck, Bob and Adam will meet to discuss filling that position.
- Accepted and applauded an offer from Jennifer Jones to lead the planning and implementation of Intergenerational events for the parish.



The July meeting was virtual — members reviewed ministry and financial reports online. No business was transacted.

At its regular August meeting, the Vestry....

- Received the first report of the Haiti Reconnaissance Trip from John Maass and Sean Ellis. They will report to the congregation on September 18, as well as in the newsletter and bulletins. Next steps will be outlined in consultation with the Outreach Ministry Team. A Mission Trip for adults and youth is a possibility for next summer, but there are many options for immediate aid and support in the interim.
- The Annual Stewardship Campaign will kick off on October 16. This year, the pledge form will also include opportunities for members to commit their time and talent. Initial materials will be available at the church picnic on September 11.
- Emmanuel is the beneficiary of a life insurance policy given by long-time member Bud Clatanoff who died in July. Funds will be placed in the Emmanuel Foundation.

*Meredith Wade, Clerk*





- 5 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 5 Labor Day — Office Closed
- 7 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 10 Sunday School Teacher Retreat (9:00 AM)
- 11 Sunday School Open House (10:00 AM)
- 11 Back-to-School Blessing and Teacher Commissioning (10:30 AM)
- 11 Homecoming Picnic and Ministry Fair (11:45 AM)
- 11 "Oprah's Belief Series" Begins (6:00 PM)
- 14 Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 18 Parish Briefing on Haiti Visit (9:00 AM and 11:45 AM)
- 18 First Day of Sunday School (10:00 AM)
- 18 Confirmation Workshop (4:00 PM)
- 21 Adult Spiritual Formation Meeting (9:30 AM)
- 24 [Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast](#)
- 25 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 26-30 Bag Lunch Week



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- 2 Outreach Team Meeting (9:00 AM)
- 2 "Hitchhikers Guild to the BCP Begins (9:15 AM)
- 2 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 3 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 5 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 8 Strategic Meeting
- 9 Worship Team Meeting (9:15 AM)
- 10 Columbus Day — Office Closed
- 12 Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 14 Adult Spiritual Formation Meeting (9:30 AM)
- 15 Fall Work Day (8:00 AM)
- 16 Annual Giving Campaign Kickoff
- 16 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 22 [Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast](#)
- 23 Confirmation Workshop (4:00 PM)



- 3 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 4 "Appearance of Live" (6:30 PM)
- 6 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 7 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 7-11 Bag Lunch Week
- 9 Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 13 Confirmation with Bishop Goff (10:30 AM)
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday — Office Closed
- 26 [Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast](#)