



2016

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The Cries We Hear from the People of Haiti

I recently attended a wonderful retreat for priests hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. The outstanding retreat speakers were two brothers from the Society of St. John the Evangelist who live in a monastic community in Cambridge, MA. Brother Curtis, the more senior of the two monks, shared with us that he learned something astounding from the L'Arche Community in France which serves the needs of people living with intellectual disabilities. Brother Curtis shared that the L'Arche community learned over time that babies cry when they know someone will respond, and they stop crying when they perceive no one cares. It was a Mike-Drop moment for me in the retreat — that babies cry when they know someone will respond, and they stop crying when they perceive no one cares. Stunning. I'm not sure I will ever be able to respond the same when I hear a baby cry — knowing now that the baby is crying because the baby has learned I will respond because I care.

I think it is fair to say that we, the people of the United States, and we, the people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church hear the cries from the people of Haiti. We hear the cries of the people of our partner parish, Ste. Croix, in Léogâne, Haiti. We hear the cries of Rev. Sonley Joseph ... we hear the cries of the people Sonley loves and serves. In a country where every day was already challenging enough, things got a whole lot worse on October 4 when Hurricane Matthew hit their shores. Matthew left in its wake an estimated US \$2.25 billion in damage and at least 546 confirmed fatalities, and possibly as many as 1,600 unconfirmed because those people have not yet been found. The high winds and accompanying floods severely damaged around 200,000 homes. Nearly complete crop damage has left the impoverished population without a source for food. Parts of the country are still unreachable. I can only imagine the cries we hear from the people of Haiti.

What are we to do about this? Well, we could do nothing more because we have already done what we can ... visited Ste. Croix and Rev. Sonley and sent money to aid. No one would expect anything more from us; but what do we expect from us? If after prayerful consideration you feel like you are being called to respond to the cries we hear from the people of Haiti please let [Sean Ellis](#) and [John Maass](#) know. It is our sincere hope that in the after-holiday winter time frame we'll gather to do some sort of a focused fundraiser to continue to help Rev. Sonley help the people of Ste. Croix, Léogâne. Sean and John could use your help. Can you help?

Thank you for your continued prayers, support and passion for loving God and loving others. God hears your cry. I am so grateful to be counted among your number.

*Peace friends,
Chuck*

High Notes Submissions

Articles for the *December High Notes* must be submitted to [Kelli](#) by Friday, November 18.

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

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Sunday Services

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

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Monday—Thursday
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Emmanuel's 2017 Annual Giving Campaign

October 16 marked the official launch of Emmanuel's 2017 Annual Giving Campaign — *Church of Dreams*. By now, you should have received your packet for this year's campaign in the mail. If not, there are extras on the table behind the back pew in the church.



Running through Sunday, December 4, this year's 7-week campaign is designed to generate pledges or monetary commitments from our congregants which will be used to structure next year's operating budget. But that's not all: we're also asking the congregation to pledge to support at least one of the many ministries EEC provides our community, as well as our sister parish

in Haiti, throughout the year by volunteering your time and talent.

Thanks in advance for your 2017 commitment to pledge to Emmanuel! As we all know, it takes the gifts of *Time, Talent & Treasure* to support a church community and to truly impact the lives of those in need. If we wish for Emmanuel to become a *Church of Dreams* in 2017, we all need to lend a hand in support of this effort. And, as Chuck reminded us in his note in this year's annual giving brochure, "*Know that whatever you give to God, you will receive back 100-fold.*"

*The 2017 Annual Giving Ministry Team
(Bob Carragher, Vonda Delawie, Joe Dresen,
Jane Kolson, Adam Schildge, and Doug Wheeler)*

Election Eve Prayer Vigil Monday, November 7 — 7:00 PM

A special service of Evening Prayer for the candidates,
the electorate, and the nation.

Open to both parish and the Alexandria community.

All are welcome.

User-Friendly Dictionary: Pew

This month's word came at Chuck's request, so here it is as stated in my favorite reference*:

Pew

A long bench, typically with a back, for congregational seating in church. Seats were not provided for the congregation in the early church, and this practice



continues today in the Eastern Orthodox Church. The use of pews in the naves of churches has been dated from the thirteenth century. Some pews have been elaborately carved, and some have served to separate the occupants from others in the church. Chairs are now used for seating in some churches because chairs allow greater

flexibility in the arrangement of liturgical space. Chairs also may present less of an obstacle than pews for the gathering and uniting of the community for worship.

Pew Rents

The renting of pews was the primary way that churches in many denominations collected funds prior to the twentieth century. Most of the time families were seated in separate pews. The closer a family sat to the altar or pulpit, the higher its social or economic position. See Free Pew.

Free Pew

The renting of pews was the primary way that churches of many denominations collected funds. Pew renting persisted into the nineteenth century. The use of free pews began first in city missions for work among the poor in the larger cities. These missions were supported by dioceses and missionary societies. It appears that the first self-supporting Episcopal churches without pew rents were the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, and the Church of the Advent, Boston.

I don't know about you, but to me any pew I sit in at Emmanuel is perfect — and priceless!

*Meredith Wade
Clerk*

* "An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians," Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors.

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

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)
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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](#)
 Intergenerational Events: [Jennifer Jones](#)
 Newcomers Welcome: [Lola Beggs](#)
 Prime Timers: [Jim Bradley](#)
 Shrine Mont Parish Retreat: [Joe Scott](#)
 Twenties & Thirties (TnT): [Leo Cruz](#)

Preschool: [Adam Schildge](#)

Service: [Katie Kelly](#), [Bryan Moore](#)
 ALIVE!: [Laura Macone](#); [Sarah Orndorff](#)
 Bag Lunch Program: [Karen Coda](#)
 Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast: [Jennifer Jones](#)
 Carpenter's Shelter: Dinner: [Sean Ellis](#)
 Community Lodgings: [Barbara Harslem](#)
 Free School Physical Program: [Bonnie Lilley](#)
 Giving Tree: [Rachel Kliewer](#)
 Haiti: [John Maass](#)
 Haitian Coffee Sales: [Kim Scott](#)
 Meals on Wheels: [Katie Kelly](#)
 Tutoring Consortium: [Kelly Dresen](#)
 United Thank Offering: [Bonnie Fairbank](#)

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 Foundation: [Jane Kolson](#)
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 Adult Spiritual Formation: [Beth Boland](#)
 Sunday School: [Toni Buranen](#)
 Youth (Middle School): [Janie Piemonte](#)
 Youth (High School): [Rachel Piemonte](#)

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

Baptism Banners



With all the baptisms we've had recently, I'm sure you've seen the banner that is carefully crafted for each infant that is baptized. This group of wonderful women meet weekly at Emmanuel and among other projects, create these banners. This project for many years was done solely by Susan Ruble, and now has been taken over by our Craft Group. Pictured, left to right: Nancy Dupree, Pat Hadley, Jeanne Feden, Gudrun Callahan, and Mary Kasik.



TnT Apple Picking



Annual Bishop Visit

November 13 | 10:30 AM

Bishop Susan Goff, Suffragan Bishop of Virginia, will celebrate our 10:30 a.m. service at Emmanuel on November 13. During Bishop Goff's visit she will confirm several people from our community and

receive those into the Episcopal Church who wish to be received. A light reception will follow afterwards in the Parish Hall. Please spread the word and join us. **Please Note: There will only be ONE service this day at 10:30 a.m.**



Spiritual Formation for Children and Youth

"Saying thank you is more than good manners. It is good spirituality."

~Alfred Painter

November greetings and happy feast of all Saints! I hope this finds everyone enjoying the chill in the air and the anticipation of one of the best times of the year (in my humble opinion!).

We continue to roll along in the children and youth faith formation programs. We are especially excited that we will have five youth receiving Confirmation during the Bishop's visit on November 13. Our prayer is that our youth will grow in grace and wisdom as they embrace their adult life in the church. Please lift them up in your own prayer as they begin to take the road towards sainthood! (Did you know? We are all called to be saints!)

Many thanks for all the ways you support our children and youth in their faith journeys. Please read on for more information.

*In gratitude and peace,
Toni*

Coming up:

- Stay tuned for information about our Advent Project to help Haiti! Children and youth in Sunday school and in God & Donuts will be participating in the parish-wide giving effort.
- If you have a child in Sunday school, grades pre-K through five, we are putting out a plea for help. Both our preschool and our kindergarten/1st grade classes need one more teacher as we had two teachers whose plan suddenly changed at the very beginning of the school year. Can you please help? If we don't get any volunteers, we will either move to a parent co-op model or Sunday school cannot meet if we only have one teacher. These teams of teachers are amazing and great to work with. If you are interested, please reach out to [Toni](#).
- We are currently pondering ways to engage the children of Emmanuel with service to others. It would be especially great to have 3 - 4 volunteer families to take on 3 - 4 opportunities for in-house service projects during coffee hour, e.g., making cards for men and women serving overseas, decorating placemats for Meals on Wheels, etc. These are easy ways to include the children and require very little effort. If you are interested, please contact [Toni](#).



"Appearance of Life"

A Night at the Theater

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

The Adult Spiritual Formation Team presents *Appearance of Life* by parishioner Jennifer S. Jones. A riveting thriller about one woman's search for the truth, *Appearance of Life* is the story of an Argentine woman, Margarita, whose daughter becomes one of the many desaparecidos of the Dirty War. Over the course of this show Jennifer S. Jones transports the audience to 1970's Buenos Aires, Argentina. A military coup has overthrown the exiting



democratic government putting in place a reign of terror to crush any and all perceived "subversives." Adorning different characters, Jennifer presents a captivating picture of one woman's transformation as she moves from her role as wife and mother to that of political advocate. Based on the author's years of research and dozens of in-depth, in-person interviews, *Appearance of Life* is a story of brutality and loss — but also a story of survival, new life and triumph.

Please join us Friday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will

begin with a social gathering followed by the performance at 7:00 p.m. After the performance we will have a discussion and dessert.

Dining Out at Goodwin House

Wednesday, November 2 | 5:45 PM

The next dinner with members and friends of Emmanuel who live at Goodwin House Alexandria is set for Wednesday, November 2. The evening begins with a social hour at 5:45 p.m., followed by dinner. Guests who don't live at Goodwin House are asked to pay a modest amount (under \$20) for their dinner. The event is open to anyone who would like to come enjoy the festive atmosphere and wonderful company. [Jim Bradley](#) coordinates the event and is happy to answer any questions. Contact [Karen](#) (703-683-0798) in the church office to make your reservation.

Virginia Theological Seminary Offerings

Women in the Anglican Communion

First Saturdays | November 5 and December 3

This fall, spend the first Saturday morning of each month with inspirational women from across the Anglican Communion.

[Register or find more information here.](#)



Vestry HiLites

At its regular meeting on October 12, the Vestry...

- heard a report from Outreach Ministry Leader Sean Ellis concerning the post-hurricane situation in Haiti and how it affects our support of Ste. Croix Parish and School. The proposal to vastly improve the kitchen and kindergarten toilet facilities will be implemented with the funds we have on hand pending communication with Fr. Sonley. The project may have to be postponed as more immediate aid is required. The congregation will be kept informed of developments as they become known.
- received the report of the auditors indicating that the church financial records as well as the Rector's Discretionary Fund records were in good order.
- received the Treasurer's report which indicated that the church's financial condition is 'solid' at this time.
- learned that EEC member Claire Elser is pursuing ordination to Holy Orders and has asked that Emmanuel be her sponsoring congregation. Leo Cruz, representing the Vestry, will meet with Claire and Chuck and a representative of the Diocese to discuss setting up the Parish Discernment Committee.
- learned that the 2017 Stewardship Campaign, *Church of Dreams* (text: 1 Corinthians 3:9) will begin Sunday, October 16 and end with the presentation of pledges on Sunday, December 4. The goal is \$425,000 from 160 pledges, 20 of which are new.



Meredith Wade,
Clerk



IRA Rollover

For those aged 70 ½ or older, it is possible to make tax-favored charitable gifts from traditional and Roth IRA accounts. A total of \$100,000 may be transferred directly from traditional or Roth IRAs each year to one or more qualified charities, including Emmanuel Church and Emmanuel Church Foundation, free from federal income taxes. Contributions given in this way count toward the donor's required IRA minimum withdrawal amount for the year of the gift. However, they do not entitle the donor to a charitable income tax deduction.

To make such a gift, it is important that you have the donated assets distributed directly from your IRA to Emmanuel. For those with check-writing privileges on their accounts, this may be the most efficient way to make a gift directly from your IRA to Emmanuel.

If you are interested in making a gift of IRA assets to Emmanuel Church or the Emmanuel Church Foundation, please contact your IRA administrator for instructions on making a charitable transfer or, as noted above, simply write a check to Emmanuel from your IRA account.

Should you have any questions about this giving opportunity, feel free to contact [Jane Kolson](#) at 202-994-9523.



Help Refugee Families in Alexandria

Prompted by news of the Syrian refugee crisis, Christ Church hosted a Refugee Resettlement Day in April, guided by the Diocese of Virginia Mission & Outreach and Episcopal Migration Ministries, to understand both the worldwide and local situation and needs of internally displaced persons and refugees.

Christ Church along with several other local churches (including Emmanuel) met after this event to discuss what the local Alexandria faith community might do to respond. They formed the Refugee Support Group and identified that many refugees and asylum seekers were already living in the City of Alexandria and need help. Many of these families became known to the group through the Lazarus ministry — seeking assistance with bills, food, and healthcare needs. Often, these families have slipped through the cracks — they are no longer supported by refugee assistance programs or are not



qualified for certain benefits because of their undocumented status (asylum seekers).

So far, the Refugee Support Group has been assisting 7 refugee families from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Eritrea, and Egypt. Teams of two meet with the refugee families once a month to identify issues and urgent needs or perhaps to help with daily tasks like using the Metro system or obtaining a library card. There are many other families out there that need help. Some have friends or family

here, but most often they are on their own and need help with everything. Each family has had a different set of needs and circumstances.

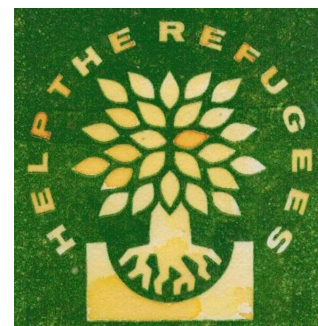
Examples of assistance the group has provided includes: housing, transportation, furniture, clothing, access to affordable food, school registration, resume writing, locating pro bono medical or legal work, fun family outings to movies, Mt. Vernon, etc.

Some parishioners at Emmanuel have asked how we might respond to the current refugee situation. It would be great if we could be involved in the Refugee Support Group and be part of the dialogue and solution here in Alexandria.

Here are some specific ways that we can get involved:

- volunteer to mentor (as part of a 2-person team) a refugee family here in Alexandria
- attend monthly Refugee Support Group meetings at Christ Church as our Emmanuel representative to bring back news and needs to the rest of Emmanuel
- collectively Emmanuel could "sponsor" a local refugee family
- respond to specific needs identified by a mentor (for furniture, skill, training, etc.)

If you would like to learn more or get involved, please contact [Sean Ellis](#) or 703-731-2321.



ALIVE!'s Second Annual Empty Bowls Alexandria

November 12 | 6:00 PM

Proceeds from the event, which will feature a shared meal and unique bowls handmade by students of the Northern Virginia Community College Fine Arts Department for each attendee, will benefit the Last Saturday Food Distribution and the Family Emergency Program. With as many as 1 in 5 Alexandrians struggling to put food on the table, these programs are essential to their well-being. The Last Saturday Food Distribution reaches over 2,000 individuals each month, and the Family Emergency Program delivers groceries to more than 120 disabled, elderly, or homebound people each month. But they can't do it without our support! As part of our Outreach Program, Emmanuel is sponsoring the event, and we hope that you will support it as well. Tickets start at \$30 and are available [here](#). See you there!



Haiti

Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti very hard on October 4, causing widespread devastation, loss of life, and property damage. Although it appears that Ste. Croix Parish school in Léogâne, which Emmanuel Church has supported over the past few years, was not heavily damaged, the students and families there are in greater need than ever. In addition to financial contributions to the school, the Outreach Team has just started a collections effort for school supplies and toys, and all proceeds from this year's Giving Tree (beginning November 20) will also benefit the children at Ste. Croix.



The Giving Tree and Ste. Croix, Haiti



One of Emmanuel's most well-loved traditions is back. This year The Giving Tree and the team from our Haiti partner parish are joining together to focus on assisting children in need at Ste. Croix, Léogâne, Haiti. The Giving Tree will be set up in the church foyer decorated with ornaments for you to select from beginning November 20 through January 1. The tree's ornaments will have details requesting donations for items such as school supplies, Frisbees, jump-ropes, musical recorders and also include options for a wide range of cash donations to support needs such as school renovations and scholarships. Please consider taking an ornament home with you if you and your family would like to participate in this special way of loving others in need.

Community Prayer Circle

An interfaith group continues to gather under the big tree at Montgomery and Henry Streets on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. as a demonstration of support from the greater community. The neighborhood's residents are recovering from the shock of two homicides, one at the tree where we



gather. The Circle lasts about 15-20 minutes, depending on how many people are there and how the Spirit is moving in prayer. Consider coming out on a Sunday soon to join in. Street parking on Henry Street (Route 1 southbound) is plentiful. For more information or company, contact [Meredith Wade](#) or [Chuck McCoart](#).



Emmanuel Preschool Staff

Director
[Ressa Jones](#)

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[Dawn Doucette](#)

Financial Administrator
[Kelli Corts](#)

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

School Hours
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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Preschool News

We are really getting into the swing of things in the preschool. October brought many fun events. Our Back to School Family Pizza Party was a huge success. Parents and children enjoyed pizza from Z Pizza, sides and desserts made by preschool families, and entertainment from magician Dean Alan. In late October the 4/5s classes took a trip to Nalls Produce, where they learned about different kinds of pumpkins and gourds and the life cycle of a pumpkin. They also had the chance to climb around on Pumpkin Mountain and taste Nalls' delicious apple cider. In November we will be having our first Parent/Teacher conferences of the year, which offer a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to connect about each individual child. We will also host our Thanksgiving Feast for the 3s and 4/5s classes, with help from many wonderful volunteers. Speaking of Thanksgiving, I am thankful to be a part of such an amazing preschool and church community. Thank you to all of you for your support of EPS!

Ressa Jones, Director

Orange 3's Class

The Orange 3's are taking advantage of this beautiful fall weather and spending extra time outside. We've ventured off the playground to explore all areas of the Emmanuel grounds. We call it our "outside classroom." We've done a scavenger hunt looking for tree branches, roots, leaves, acorns, ants, birds, and more. Our favorite find so far is a bird's nest high in a tree at the front of the building. Every time we walk around, we get excited to find it again.

We are exploring trees. We've talked about the parts of the tree, sat on the side steps with clipboards and drawn the trees we see, used yarn to measure the trunks, and done some rubbings of the bark. We are very excited the leaves are changing colors and falling to the ground.

The best part of November is the Thanksgiving Feast at the end of the month. We are already working on the decorations for the table — painted pumpkins. We use a pipette to drip paint over the tops and sides of the pumpkin. It's great for our fine motor skills, and we love choosing our favorite color then watching as the paint drips down the pumpkin. The best part of our preparations is talking about the many things we have to be thankful for. These are sweet (and often quite funny) moments in a room full of 3 year olds.

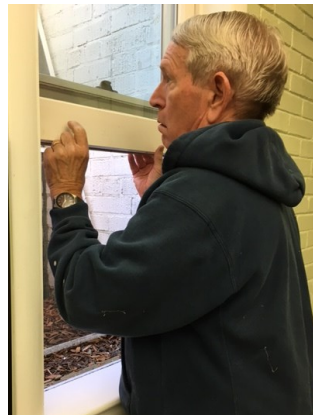
Christy Finn and Nicole Crochet



Fall Work Day

On behalf of the members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, I want to express my appreciation and thanks to Katie Kelly, Jim Bradley, Joe Dresen, Bob Callahan, Thomas and Anna Rigby, Bob Carragher, Sean Ellis, Meredith Wade, and Arina, Elija, Maile and Jon Sills. A special thanks also goes to Meredith Wade for her routine hard work at keeping the church grounds looking good; and to Nancy Dupree for taking photos.

Sincerely,
Dwayne Piepenburg



Alexandria Tutoring Consortium Thank-You

Emmanuel Church supports a number of organizations each year that provide social services and resources to our neighbors here in Alexandria. This support is in the form of monetary contributions designated by the Outreach Team — funds that comes from our collective pledges and contributions to EEC. One of these organizations is the [Alexandria Tutoring Consortium](#) (ATC) which aims to provide a foundation for future learning by ensuring that children in Alexandria public schools can read at or above their grade level. EEC's support goes towards purchasing new books for children in the ATC program to choose and take home to read with their families; these new books will often be the only ones that children can call their own.

We received the following letter from ATC that we

wanted to share with the parish:

On behalf of the Directors of the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, I would like to express our thanks for your generous donation of \$2,000 in recent days. We were very pleased to receive your gift.

But moreover, we also are gratified by your support. As you may recall, the origin of ATC almost twenty years ago at its founding was the joining of a number of faith communities

for the purposes of tutoring to elementary students. Since that time, we have served over 2500 kindergarten and first grade students, most of whom went on to become mainstream readers with full participation and success through their school years. This is the kind of success that our supporters have allowed us to have.

Thank you for your donation, and your on-going support.





- 2 Goodwin House Dinner (5:45 PM)
- 2 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 4 *Appearance of Life* (6:30 PM)
- 6 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 Youth Sunday
- 6 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 7 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 7 Election Eve Prayer Vigil (7:00 PM)
- 7-11 Bag Lunch Week
- 8 Election Day
- 9 Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 12 ALIVE! Empty Bowls
- 13 Confirmation with Bishop Goff (10:30 AM)
NOTE: One service only this day
- 16 Adult Spiritual Formation Meeting (9:30 AM)
- 20 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday — Office Closed
- 26 [Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast](#)
- 27 Advent I



For a look at our continually-updated church calendar, click on the calendar to the left.



**Tuesday
November 8
2016**



- 4 Advent 2 / Youth Sunday
- 4 Breakfast with St. Nick (11:45 AM)
- 4 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 5 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 7 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 7 Vestry Budget Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 11 Advent 3 / Card-Making
- 14 Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 15 Adult Spiritual Formation Meeting (9:30 AM)
- 17 Christmas Caroling (4:00 PM)
- 18 Advent 4 / Creche Sunday
- 18 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 18 Comfort Service (5:00 PM)
- 24 [Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast](#)
- 24 Christmas Pageant
- 24 Christmas Eve Vigil
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26-30 Christmas Holiday — Office Closed
- 26-30 Bag Lunch Week



- 1 Service of Lessons & Carols (10:30 AM)
- 2 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 4 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 8 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 11 Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 16 MLK Day — Church Office Closed
- 20 Hymn Sing
- 22 God & Donuts (4:00 PM)
- 26-28 Diocesan Annual Convention
- 28 [Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast](#)