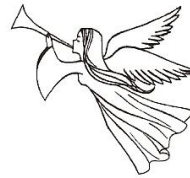


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FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Emmanuel Family,

Thanks be to God! It appears that we have turned a corner in this pandemic and will be able to slowly return to full fellowship with our families and friends. As we give thanks, we must also remember those that have suffered greatly and lost loved ones to this virus and those around the world that are still in a battle for their very lives.

In response to the new guidance from the CDC, our Bishop and those that have worked with him on our guidelines have issued version 2(d) of the diocesan guidelines. You all should have received a letter from me outlining the new “way” we are moving forward. If you did not get that letter, there is a stack of them in the Narthex or you can request one from Laurie in the office.

Briefly.... Those fully vaccinated are NOT required to wear a mask or socially distance at any church service or other church function. Those not vaccinated, or not ready to drop the mask and distancing are encouraged to continue with both.

We have made provisions for those that need or want to socially distance by designating the left (musician side) of the sanctuary for distancing (every other pew is still unavailable). The right side will be for those that are comfortable without mask or distancing.

We will serve wine with the Eucharist, but for now, we will intinct only (dip the host in the wine).

We will maintain “no physical contact” during the peace to protect the vulnerable and those that are not ready for a hug yet.

Please read the full letter for other guidance.

As we “return” to something closer to normal, please look around and see who is not back with us yet. Since I got here during the big shut down, I have not had an opportunity to know who is missing from our services! Please help me to reach out and invite others to come on back!

Our adult formation class will finish up “inquirer’s class” this week and then go back to the study of Isaiah. The class has opted not to break for summer – so Sunday School for all continues!

Please know that I am here and available to you. I am in the office Mondays and Wednesdays.

Thank you for your faithfulness through this tough time for our community and our world. God is STILL in control. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Mother Karen+

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen



FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Wow!!! A church FULL of worshippers! Coffee (and donuts) between services! Sunday School. Enquirers' Class.

I am thanking God for Emmanuel's re-emergence from the many restrictions that the pandemic placed upon us. I am also so very thankful that our church family was spared from Covid19's ravages, although almost all of us have known someone felled or sickened by the virus.

Lots of stuff going on this month. Mother Karen will soon reside in our Rectory, but first there is a lot of work being done at 900 Campbell. Your vestry hired Adan Hernandez along with Brian Alvey to stabilize the foundation. Once completed, a new floor covering will be installed.

As you know, the freeze zapped our olive and grapefruit trees, but thankfully spared most of the Prayer Garden's foliage.

CAMP, CAMP, CAMP. Our youth able to take advantage of Camp Capers' amazing facilities this year, and we are delighted to see this happen too!

Mother Karen continues her Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Morning Prayer sessions via Zoom.

Beginning in August, we will see the return of Wednesday night services WITH meals and fellowship afterward.

God is good.

Todd Blomerth
Senior Warden

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

05 Purvis Hardy	11 J.J. Grigar
18 Song Williams	19 Toni & Keith Cheshire

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

June 13 – Vestry Meeting
June 20 – Father's Day
Wednesdays 10:30 – 12:00 Lockhart Ministerial Alliance



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS *“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16*
Updates and new prayer requests will be sent out by email. If you have any corrections, please contact the office.

Anglican Prayer List: The Diocese of Canterbury; The Diocese of Cape Coast (The Church of the Province of West Africa); The Diocese of Cape Town (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa); The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (The Church in the Province of the West Indies); The Diocese of Carlisle (The Church of England); The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); The Diocese of East Carolina; The Diocese of North Carolina; The Diocese of South Carolina; The Diocese of Upper South Carolina; The Diocese of Western North Carolina; The Diocese of Cashel Ferns & Ossory (The Church of Ireland); The Church of Nigeria; The Diocese of Chandigarh (The (united) Church of North India); The Diocese of Chelmsford (The Church of England); The Diocese of Chester (The Church of England); The Diocese of Chhattisgarh (The (united) Church of North India); The Diocese of Chicago; The Diocese of Chichester (The Church of England); The Church of North India (United); The Diocese of Chotanagpur (The (united) Church of North India); The Diocese of Christ the King (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa); The Diocese of Christchurch (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia); The Diocese of Chubu (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai); The Diocese of Clogher (The Church of Ireland); The Diocese on the Coast (The Church of Nigeria); The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Cochin (The (united) Church of South India); The Diocese of Coimbatore (The (united) Church of South India); The Diocese of Colombia; and the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

Diocesan Prayer List: the diocesan Camps & Conferences Department and camp programs; St. Barnabas' (Fredericksburg); St. Boniface (Comfort); St. Peter & St. Paul (Mission); St. Alban's (Harlingen); St. Peter's (Kerrville); St. Paul's (Brownsville); St. Thomas Episcopal Church (San Antonio); and Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Lockhart).

Ministries: The Missionary Society of San Miguel; Jeanne Loving in Honduras; for Christian Education, Kairos, Love for the Least; Sisters of St. Margaret;

Healing: Clare Brice, Fr. Tom; Keith C; Maridean Stautzenberger,

Those in the Armed Forces & their families: Jake F; Ty H; Tyler Thomas R;

Other Needs: Rob; John & family; for our church family; for all celebrating special days this month; for our nation; for the persecuted church; for all those who put themselves in harm's way in service of their fellowman; for the Girl Scout Troops that meet at Emmanuel, for teachers and those who work in education, students

A prayer for Father's Day

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email, just send an email to the church and you will be added to the list.

MISSION STATEMENT

“It is our mission to follow God’s commandments, to love God and our neighbors through worship, outreach, fellowship and community involvement.”