

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HIGH NOTES



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High Notes Submissions

Articles for each month's *High Notes* must be submitted to the [church office](#) by the 15th of the month.

A Note from Chuck

Dear friends,

Happy Easter to each and every one of you as we journey through these Great 50 Days and celebrate the Risen Christ. These days are filled with Alleluias and our Service scriptures speak to us of appearances of Jesus to those whom He dearly loved. We'll continue to celebrate this Eastertide until we gather together for Pentecost on Sunday, June 8.

Before I get too far ahead of myself I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made a contribution of time and talent to our Lenten Season, the three Triduum Services and our two Easter Sunday Services. Everything was beautiful and created the perfect environment for good sacred liturgy as we gathered together to celebrate and remember who Christ is in each of our lives. Thank you one and all for who you are and all you do for EEC and for God.

I hope you enjoy this month's High Notes, with lots of information about all of the wonderful things happening in our parish — as well as contributions to inspire us to grow and mature in our faith.

Again, Happy Easter and may God continue to richly bless us all.

Peace,



Above: Chuck and Theodore Schildge
Left: Sarah Orndorff, Chuck, and Alex Allain

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. Rosemari Sullivan

Seminarian

Alex Allain

Director of Spiritual Formation for Children and Youth

Toni Buranen

Organist/Choir Director

Ryan Fitch

Parish Administrator

Kelli Corts

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist

Heather Starek

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Lilian Urrea
Rosa Alarcon

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite II

Church Office Hours

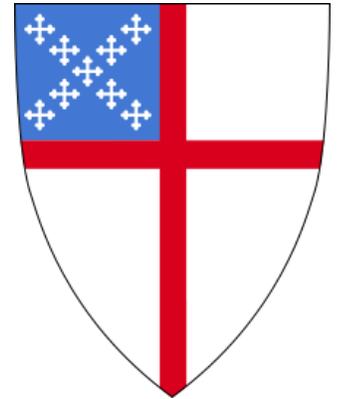
Monday—Thursday
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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Basic Episcopal Church Beliefs IV



Our Parish is guided by the priest in shared leadership and responsibility with women and men lay leaders from our parish community. Our parish is nurtured by church ceremonies, prayer, the sacraments, and by witnessing to Christ in congregation and community.

Getting involved in our parish helps us grow as a Christian witness and as a person! As a member of our parish please participate in:

Church Services — prayer and working together; and sharing our faith through Christian education.

Community Work — performing acts of charity; working for social justice and reform; promoting Christian unity on a personal, day-to-day basis; and spreading the Good Word to people in the world community.

Through giving ourselves we can:

- Strengthen ourselves and our beliefs by helping others.
- Fulfill spiritual needs of ourselves and others.
- Learn more about the mystery of God, and how God shares love with us.
- Answer some of life's questions, in responding to the needs of others.
- Better understand how to keep our daily life in tune with our search for salvation.
- Bring a sign of salvation to people outside the community.



So, being an Episcopalian means striving to fulfill Christ's mission of redemption. It means trying to follow God's commandments; raise children in Christ's love; and getting involved in our parish. Being an Episcopalian means actively participating in the world through Christ in the Church.

"The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God."
The Book of Common Prayer, An Outline of the Faith

At Emmanuel Episcopal Church there is no shortage of ways in which you can fulfill the call to be a member of our parish. Prayerfully identify what gifts and talents God has given you and please offer those skills for the good of all in our parish.

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Can you teach young people? Please teach Sunday School or volunteer with our teens.

Are you comfortable reading aloud or could you grow comfortable with some training and opportunity to read aloud to others? Please consider being a reader at one of our Sunday services.

Are you good with numbers? Please consider being on our Finance Committee.

Are you a Harry or Harriet Home-owner or handy around the house? Please join our Building and Grounds Committee.

Are you computer literate? Please help in the parish office.

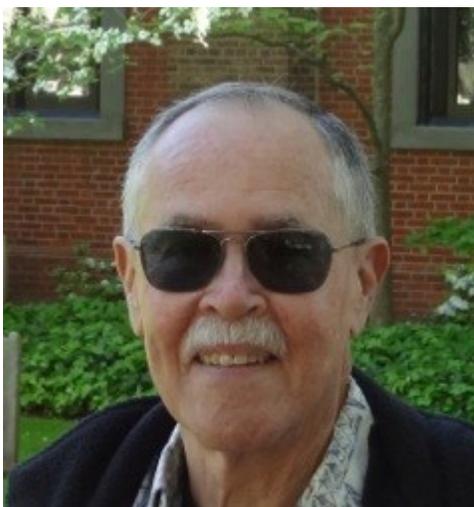
—excerpt adapted from What it means to be an Episcopalian
[Channing Bete Company](#) – 2013 edition
 Ask for item number PS17244

Why am I an Episcopalian?

By Bob Feden

To answer this question, I suppose one must ask, “Why do I believe in God and why am I a Christian?” The answers to those questions are easy; my parents made those choices and that is how I was raised. As I matured, I never dwelled too deeply on spiritual issues but fully accepted the fact that God exists and, in another decision made by my parents, the Roman Catholic faith provided the guidance to worship Him. I never had an epiphany moment that brought clear understanding of one’s faith but during my years of going to sea and visiting vast expanses of ocean and ice, it was easy to believe in a Grand Creator and Master Designer of a remarkable world.

So, why am I now an Episcopalian? After my parents, the next most, and probably the longest lasting, influence on my life is my wife Jeanne. We had a relatively long courtship chronologically but due to my many absences, time together was limited. When we made the decision to get married there was no question as to where the ceremony was taking place. We would marry in Jeanne’s family church, The Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord, MA. We had both attended services in each other’s faiths but never really discussed what our marriage



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2014—2015 Vestry

Bob Carragher (*Senior Warden*)
 Michelle Vaughan (*Junior Warden*)
 Emily Buckman
 Leo Cruz
 Bob Feden
 Bryan Moore
 Adam Schildge
 Joe Scott
 Meredith Wade
 Doug Wheeler

Gene Lange (*Treasurer*)
 Vonda Delawie (*Clerk*)

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 Altar Guild: [Christina Bartley](#)
 Building and Grounds: [Meredith Wade](#)
 Coffee Hour Baristas: [Meredith Wade](#)
 Counters: [Jim Bradley](#)
 Inreach: [Nancy Dupree](#)
 Music (Adult and Youth Choirs): [Ryan Fitch](#)
 Music (Guitar Circle): [Stewart Bartley](#)
 Newcomers Welcome: [Lola Beggs](#), [Joe Scott](#)
 Parish Office: [Kelli Cortz](#)
 Preschool Liaison: [Leo Cruz](#)
 Readers and Chalice: [Jerry Boykin](#)
 Sewing Group: [Gudrun Callahan](#)
 Shrine Mont Parish Retreat: [Joe Scott](#)
 Ushers: [Bob Callahan](#)
 Vestry: [Chuck McCoart](#)
 Worship: [Anne Seville](#)

Christian Education

Adult Spiritual Formation: [Beth Boland](#)
 Sunday School: [Toni Buranen](#)
[Michelle Vaughan](#)
 Youth: [Toni Buranen](#); [Meredith Wade](#)

Outreach

ALIVE!: [John and Katherine Rider](#)
 Alexandria Tutoring Consortium:
[Kelly Dresen](#)
 Bag Lunch Program: [Karen Coda](#)
 Giving Tree: [Kerry Adams](#); [Rachel Kliewer](#)
 Haiti (Sister parish of St. Martin de Tours):
[Rosemari Sullivan](#)
 Meals on Wheels: Fred De Luca

Fundraising

Annual Giving Campaign: [Bob Carragher](#)
 Backpacks for Community Lodgings:
[Barbara Harslem](#)
 Haiti Coffee Sales: [Mary Beth Edgar](#)
 Holiday Bazaar: [Mary Ann Frank](#)
 United Thank Offering: [Bonnie Fairbank](#)
 Yard Sale: [Margaret Wohler](#)

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would mean for formal church attendance as a couple. We moved to Virginia and began our life together away from family. As we made friends here, several families encouraged us to attend services at Christ Episcopal Church in Old Town Alexandria. We found that being Episcopalian was a good compromise between approaches to worship. When it became apparent that Christ Church was not a good match for us we moved to Emmanuel in 1973. This began a long and steady relationship with an approach to worship that was both traditional but also open to innovation. Additionally, Emmanuel's family-oriented and welcoming environment led to our decision to enroll our children in the preschool and eventually a 13-year education for both boys in St. Agnes and St. Stephen's Episcopal School.

The answer to the original question of "Why am I an Episcopalian?", really comes down to what is your 'comfort zone' and how much are you willing to be challenged to expand that zone to include things that are not traditional or move too far afield from your roots. For Jeanne and I Emmanuel has been a wonderful and nurturing experience. It has progressed through the years at a pace that allows acceptance to change without being radical or a threat to one's basic beliefs. In short, I believe that I am, and we are, Episcopalians because of Emmanuel Church; the relationships we have developed over the years, the influence on our daily lives, the commitments we were encouraged to make, the support from fellow travelers, and the growth of our faith through study, worship, and understanding leadership.

Anglicana! The Words of Our Worship

"Anglicana" is a word I made up. We Episcopalians have our own strange vocabulary for just about everything: unusual names for parts of the church; parts of the liturgy; the things that go on the altar; names for who is who in those vestments; as well as vestry and sacristy lingo. If you are a cradle Episcopalian you may have heard these words all your life but have no idea where they come from or what they mean. If you are a newcomer, they can be down right confusing. This month it's **Red Letter Days!**

"Red Letter Days" are all the high-holy days of the church year including All Saints Day, Christmas Day, Easter Sunday and Pentecost (coming up on June 8!) "Red Letter Days" also include the feasts of Our Lord, feasts of the apostles, evangelists, major saints and festivals. "Red Letter Days" are essentially party days where the church pulls out all the stops — and there is a "proper" for each one. They are called "red", because in the earliest Prayer Books, on the church calendar, they were printed in red. And yes, there are "**Black Letter Days**" also. These are the lesser feasts and fasts — more humdrum church affairs — printed in black. **Who knew?**



The Rev. Joani Peacock (Joani)

Pentecost

What is Pentecost?

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from a historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church actually started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

When is Pentecost?

Christians the world over (including here at EEC) will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 8. In the Episcopal Church we love to baptize on this day, so if you know of any babies who need to be baptized please let us know!

So, What's the Spiritual Significance of Pentecost?

That's a good question. On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. What happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today, though usually not in such a dramatic fashion. We rarely get a heavenly wind and tongues of fire anymore (though admittedly, that'd be pretty cool!) Nevertheless, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become His disciples.

Christians are meant to live in the presence and power of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit helps us to confess Jesus as Lord (1 Cor 12:3), empowers us to serve God with supernatural power (1 Cor 12:4-11), binds us together as the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12-13), helps us to pray (Rom 8:26), and even intercedes for us with

God the Father (Rom 8:27). The Spirit also guides us (Gal 5:25), helping us to live like Jesus (Gal 5:22-23).

What Are The Personal Implications of Pentecost?

Another very good question! Pentecost presents us with an opportunity to consider how we are living each day. Are we relying on the power of God's Spirit? Are we an open channel for the Spirit's gifts? Are we attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Is the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) growing in our lives? Most Christians I know, including me, live in the presence and power of the Spirit, but only to an extent. We are limited by our fear, our sin, our low expectations, not to mention our tendency to be distracted from God's work in us. Pentecost offers us a chance to confess our failure to live by the Spirit and to ask the Lord to fill us afresh with His power. May Pentecost be a huge blessing for all of us at Emmanuel.

Chuck



I will
put my
spirit
within
you,
and you
shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

Upcoming Baptisms

Over the next several months we have the blessing of celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism many times. If you'd like to have your child baptized, or know of someone who would like to have their child baptized, please put them in touch with Chuck. The following days we have baptisms scheduled for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Services: May 18, May 25, June 22, June 29, and July 13. We're happy to add dates for baptism as the need presents itself.



Why Coffee Hour?

In some Episcopal churches, coffee hour is so highly regarded that it is considered the Third Sacrament (after Baptism and the Eucharist!). Sunday fellowship following the 10:30 a.m. service has proven to be a meaningful time for our community after worshipping together. It is also a part of our ministry to welcome visitors and those seeking a church home — giving us time to share who we are and what Emmanuel is all about. Grateful thanks to Jennifer Adams, who after many years, has retired from organizing the baristas, but will remain a barista herself. Thank you Jennifer — you've been and continue to be a blessing to us all.



A new coordinator is needed. Is this a call you can answer? If so, contact [Meredith Wade](#).

God and Donuts

Class for youth 6th to 12th grades will meet on May 4 at Shrine Mont and on May 18 in the youth room off the parish hall stage.

Let's Have a Picnic!

The Annual Congregational Picnic is a long-standing tradition at Emmanuel and this year is no exception. It will take place on Sunday, June 1, at Virginia Theological Seminary (enter on Seminary Road and follow the signs) starting shortly after the 10:30 a.m. service, about noon. If you are comfortable doing so, wear picnic attire to church or change afterwards. In case of inclement weather the picnic will be in the Parish Hall, so pray for sunshine!

Please bring a side dish to share, your favorite beverage, and your picnic blanket or beach chairs. We will provide hamburgers/veggie burgers, hot dogs, paper products, and water.



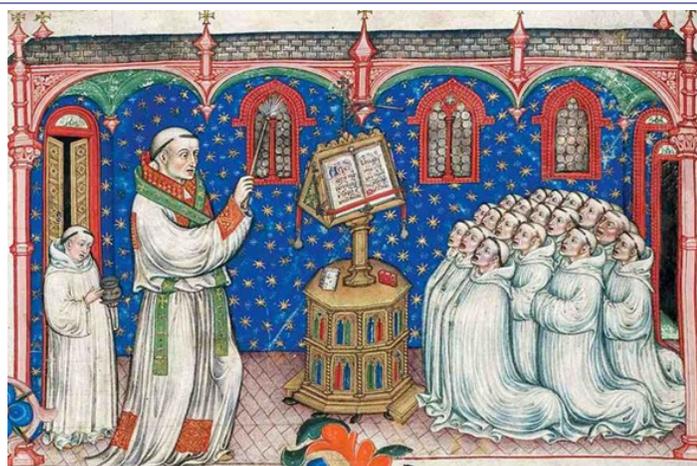
Bucky Mills and friends will be working the grill. Our antique and sports car enthusiasts may be able to set up Emmanuel's annual car show (new 'entries' are welcome), and if we are really lucky, there may be some live entertainment by the guitar circle, too.

Do you have a badminton or croquet set? Bring it with you. There's a perfect circle in which children can ride their wheeled vehicles, too. In the past, the favorite adult activity has been relaxing under a shady tree and visiting with the folks on the next blanket. It's a great opportunity for all of us to get to know each other better and to bring the "8 o'clockers" and the "10 thirtys" together.

Questions? Contact the Hospitality Committee through [Meredith Wade](#).

Sunday School and Youth Recognition Sunday

At the 10:30 service on June 1 we will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year. The youth will be participating in the service and the students and teachers will be recognized. They have worked long and hard to instill in the children and youth of this parish the teachings of our Lord and Savior. The annual parish picnic follows this service. Come and celebrate!



The Olivetan Master (Giovanni da Milano) (fl. 1429-d.1448) & the Master of the Lodi Choir Books (fl. 1419-1440). Detail of "Monks Singing the Office" (f.9v), from a Gradual (Use of the Olivetan Benedictines), ca. 1439-1447. Italy, Lombardy, Santa Maria di Baggio. Manuscript illuminated on vellum.

Singing Our Christian Story

Led by the Rev. Joani Peacock
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in the Memorial Room

Grab a hymnal and come prepared to make a joyful noise! The music of the church will be our guide to our Christian Story — using scripture, melody, poetry and prayer. No musical talent necessary!

- May 11 *Scripture in a Song*
- May 18 *History in a Hymn*
- May 25 *Theology in a Verse*
- June 1 *Old Favorites You Have Never Heard*
- June 8 *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*
Hymns from around the World

To make June 1 especially fun (if you haven't already), I would really appreciate you completing a little survey. Please e-mail Joani your five favorite and five least favorite hymns along with your favorite Christmas carol and Easter hymn.

So come to all five or just drop in any Sunday morning you'd like. All are welcome!

And...if you play the piano and would like to help us make a joyful noise and learn a little something along the way please contact [Joani Peacock](mailto:Joani).

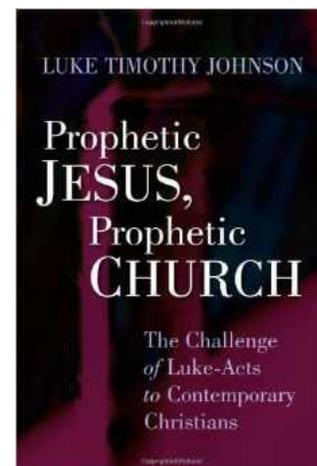
An Evening of Poetry

Let's welcome Alexandria City's Poet Laureate, Tori Lane, to Emmanuel! Tori will share selections from her current collection of poetry, "The Beautiful Ruins", and how art and God helped her overcome childhood trauma. Join us for refreshments, a glass of wine, poetry, sharing and conversation. Monday, June 2 in the Memorial Room at 7:00 p.m.



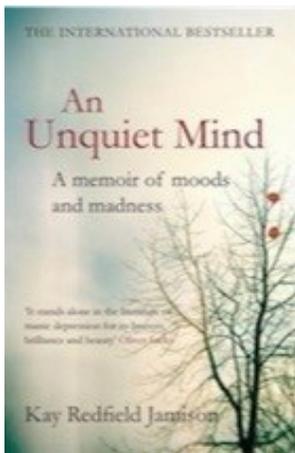
Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday mornings as we move to a new study using the book *Prophetic Jesus, Prophetic Church: The Challenge of Luke-Acts to Contemporary Christians.* Bible study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Room.



Lectio Divina: The Mind Bending Trilogy of Kay Redfield

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and as a mental health evangelist, I would like to introduce you to one of my heroes. Her name is Kay Redfield Jamison. She is Professor of Psychiatry at John Hopkins School of Medicine one of the foremost authorities on mood disorders. Medical students pore over her textbooks. She knows her stuff backwards and forwards not just as a clinician but because she has lived it. Being bipolar herself, Jamison's writing is eloquent, honest, humorous, heart wrenching and hopeful. Non-fiction, each of the three reads like a novel.



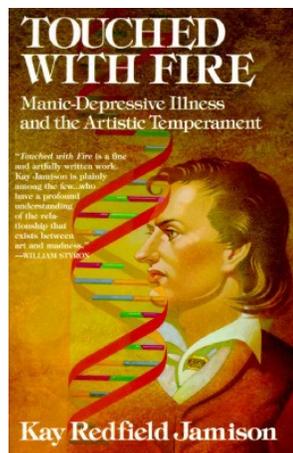
The first is ***An Unquiet Mind: A Memoir of Moods and Madness.***

While pursuing her clinical career seeing patients, supervising interns, and presenting academic papers, Jamison was secretly trying to keep hold of sanity.

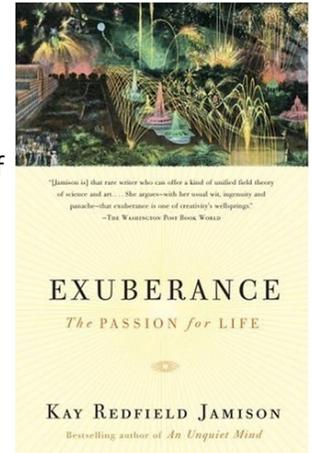
Experiencing exhilarating highs and devastating lows her life spun out control and wreaked havoc both at home and in the workplace. Beautifully written, the memoir is written from the

perspective of both "healer and healed."

Second is ***Touched with Fire: Manic Depressive Illness and the Artistic Temperament.*** Is there a connection between creativity and what in the past has been called madness? As a compassionate scientist, Jamison delves into the lives of the gifted. The list includes illustrious poets, painters, novelists, sculptors, composers and musicians. "An emphatic analysis of the creativity that emerges from a little madness and the horror from too much."



And third is ***Exuberance, The Passion for Life.*** Here Jamison addresses what psychologists have long ignored: joy, passion and enthusiasm. This is the stuff that fuels artistic creativity, scientific discovery, and cosmic exploration. The book is full of delightful tales of lives so richly and exuberantly lived by the famous and the not so famous. An exuberant read!

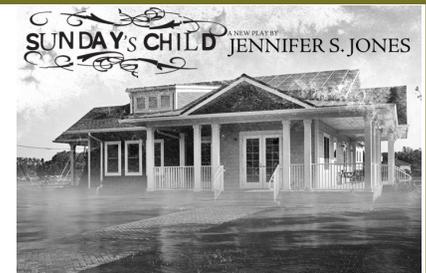


And oh yeah, the professor and author just happens also to be an Episcopalian.

And also I shamelessly recommend my new blog on spirituality and mental health — [Unorthodox and Unhinged: Tales of a Manic Christian](#). Click the "follow" button if you would like to keep up with me.

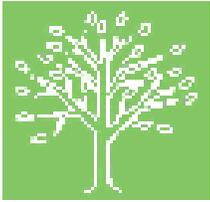
Happy reading!
Joani

Sunday's Child



Our very own Jennifer Jones has penned the play, *Sunday's Child*, which is every parent's worst nightmare. Two years ago the Blakemore's four-year-old son Toby disappeared from their backyard. There was no word. No explanation. Nothing. Now it is Christmas and they have gathered again to try to make sense of what happened. Over eggnog and spiced rum, truths are revealed and shocking revelations are made that could destroy this family forever. A play about the power of family and the lengths we will go to protect those we love, *Sunday's Child* asks the question: In a similar situation, what would you do?

Showing is May 23 to June 7. Go to the [Dark Horse Theatre Company](#) to learn more.



ALIVE! ALexandrians InVolved Ecumenically!

There are two ALIVE! events coming up to help raise money for their Child Development Center and the ALIVE! house.

Step ALIVE! Walkathon

The 33rd annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon will be held on Sunday, May 4, to raise funds for ALIVE!'s Child Development Center (CDC), a full-day preschool program serving children of low-income working parents. This 5k or 5 mile (walker's choice) stroll starts at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2723 King Street, Alexandria, and ends at the same place with food, music and prizes provided by the CDC. Register in advance [online](#) or at the event on May 4 starting at 1:15 p.m. or call 703-837-9321 to obtain a registration form. If you are unable to walk, please still consider sponsoring the event.



ALIVE! House Sidewalk Sale

The annual ALIVE! House Sidewalk Sale will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will benefit the ALIVE! House, a place of shelter for women and families. The sale will take place on South Payne between Prince and Commerce. Donation Days at the Ice House are May 3 and 10. Other dates by appointment at either Ice House or Storage site at 3827 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Volunteers to sort, price, or sell, can call Susanne at 703-606-2650.

Pennies for a Purpose

The children's Lenten Outreach Project, with the support of the congregation and the preschool, raised enough money for not one, but TWO classroom rugs for ALIVE's Child Development Center. The grand total was just over \$260. Thank you for your generous support.



Discretionary Fund

Did you know that Chuck has a Rector's Discretionary Fund? Money contributed to his Discretionary Fund allows Chuck to meet the needs that arise outside the parish Outreach budget — such as helping someone pay a utility bill, underwrite a onetime need, help an individual with housing, or disperse gift certificates to purchase food at one of the local grocery stores for someone in our community who is hungry. Please be generous as God is generous to you.

Meet Our Administrative Staff

Heather Starek. Heather grew up in Des Moines, IA; and graduated from the University of Missouri and Drexel School of Law. Heather enjoys traveling,



reading, spending time with her family, and cheering for her favorite sports teams.

Heather lives in Alexandria with her husband, Erik Erickson, and daughter, Katharine, a preschooler at EPS. They are members at Christ Church.

Heather started working part-time at Emmanuel last month as the

administrative assistant / receptionist.

Kelli Cortis. Kelli has worked for Emmanuel since 2005, currently serving as the parish administrator.

As a single mom, Kelli enjoys doting on her two children, Brandon, a freshman at MIT, and Leah, a junior at Wakefield High School and a gymnast.



Both Kelli and Heather would love to get to know you, so if you are in the area during the week, stop by and say hi!

Thank You from Evelyn

Dear Parish Family, Chuck and the staff,



Thank you so much for the opportunity to have been a part of your lives for the last six months. My time here has been a greater gift to me than you can imagine. And, many, many thanks for the restaurant gift card — Church and I will enjoy several meals on your generosity.

Love, Evelyn



May 11, 2014





Fundraiser. We had a wonderful spring fundraiser under the leadership of our amazing resource parents, Brooke Stratford and Jenny Taylor. Guests arrived and entered the magical world of Alice in Wonderland. Thank you so much to all of the Emmanuel parishioners who donated or attended the event. We hope you had a great time! It is such a wonderful way for us to come together and celebrate our incredible community.

Puppet Show. We will be having an enrichment assembly, *Backpack Puppets: The Rainbow Show*, on Tuesday, May 20. Time TBD. Parish children and families welcome.

Summer Camp. Our last day of school is Friday, May 23. We will be cleaning classrooms and setting up for summer camp the week of May 27. Summer camp begins on Monday, June 2 and runs until June 27.

Teacher Opening. We have an opening for a part-time preschool teacher. Emmanuel Preschool offers a play-based preschool experience dedicated to inspiring children and enriching their lives: emotionally, socially, and academically.

The teaching staff is experienced and dedicated to enriching the lives of preschool children. We hire our teachers on the basis of their love and understanding of children's emotional needs and their ability to provide positive and impactful learning experiences.

- 2-day position teaching a two year old class, Thursday and Friday mornings.
- Students are here 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- School year from September through May.
- Potential for additional hours as substitute if desired.

See our [webpage](#). If interested, please contact director, [Jeanna Reidy](#) at (703) 683-0303.

Classroom Opening. We currently have openings in the 3-year-old classes. Contact the [preschool office](#) if you would like further information.

We Have a New Vestry!

All Episcopal churches elect a committee of lay people, called the Vestry, to support the rector and to manage the business of the parish. To maintain institutional memory, a few members rotate off each year after filling a three-year term. At our March 16 annual meeting, we affirmed four new Vestry members (Adam Schildge, Leo Cruz, Bryan Moore, and Doug Wheeler) to join six continuing members (Joe Scott, Bob Carragher, Michelle Vaughan, Bob Feden, Meredith Wade, and Emily Buckman). The Vestry is led by "Senior Warden" Bob Callaghan and "Junior Warden" Michelle Vaughan. Gene Lange continues to serve as our appointed treasurer, and I am filling the newly reinstated appointed post of Vestry clerk. Also new this year, the Vestry has agreed to meet quarterly to consider the parish's strategic direction. The first of these discussions occurred in April, and the next is scheduled for July. The Vestry holds regular monthly business meetings, usually on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. when personnel issues are on the agenda), members of the parish are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. If you have any questions for the Vestry, look for the Vestry greeter at the back of the church after the 10:30 a.m. service, and at coffee hour!

*Vonda Delawie
Clerk of the Vestry*



Happy Birthday!



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| 1 Susan Ruble | 23 Lyndsey Zeigler |
| 4 James Hauhart | 24 James Saul |
| 5 Katie Kolo | 25 Wade Markel |
| 5 Dylan Schettenhelm | 25 Erik Bartley |
| 8 Audrey Dervarics | 28 Kelly Dervarics |
| 8 James Markel | 29 Anne Seville |
| 10 James Kaelin | 29 Olivia Bambara |
| 11 Ginnie Murphy | 29 Joshua Buckman |
| 11 Matilda Tuttle | 30 James Bambara |
| 15 Henry Watson | 30 Kolby Keating |
| 17 Cappie Stiers | 30 Karson Keating |
| 21 Dierdre Brown | 31 Ryland Babcock |
| 22 Matthew Coda | |



- Marianne Bailey and Alexandre Bambara
May 15
- Elizabeth and Chris Massey
May 18
- Kathy and Bud Clatanoff
May 24
- Martha and Stephen Beggs
May 24
- Margaret and Brett Wohler
May 26
- Jeanne and Bob Feden
May 27



May

- 2-4 Shrine Mont Retreat
- 4 God and Donuts at Shrine Mont
- 4 Step ALIVE! Walkathon
- 11 First Communion Service and Reception
- 12 God and Donuts Meet
- 18 Outreach Committee Meeting
- 20 Puppet Show
- 26 Memorial Day (office closed)

June

- 1 Youth and Sunday School Recognition
- 1 Church Picnic
- 2 Poetry Evening
- 8 Pentecost