



The Beckford Parish Beacon

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What's Next?

by the Rev. J. Michael Cadaret

Change is hard. It hurts, and often it is impossible to imagine change's fruits to be worth the disruption, turmoil, and loss. Often, the fruits of change simply aren't worth all the rancor, nor are those fruits any sweeter or more sustaining than what we've known previously.

Often, we are willing to talk about change in abstract terms, but even that can produce anxiety and make us feel judged as inadequate – criticized for being not good enough. Actual change – not abstract discussion of it – means real tangible things need to be different. And when we start to talk about actual change, particularly in a community or congregation, the dynamic gets even more difficult and fraught with spiritual and emotional peril. That peril runs along the fault lines of individuals' non-negotiables. That peril carries with it our anxiety over potential loss – of people and things we love. That emotional and spiritual peril – the danger that change brings to our doorstep – is that we will get hurt or that our decisions and actions may hurt others, perhaps even those we love and cherish.

I told you when I arrived that we'd try some things, some that would work and some that would not. I told you when I arrived that we'd talk about everything – that all aspects of the community's life were on the table. Some of those conversations have been happy and helpful, and some seemingly have not to have been. Some of the things we've tried and some of the topics of discussion have been well-received and have fostered creativity; others have pushed on folk's non-negotiables. To this point, the interim period has been successful. Creativity and hope are cures for anxiety and weariness, and we've seen these

emerge. And, the non-negotiables have been made more clear. None of this is easy, of course, and yet you know better who you are and what you want. You have a better idea of what change is worth the struggle and what must be maintained and celebrated as essential to your historical identity. So, after trying all these different things, it's time to sift through and let go of some of my hair-brained schemes, and return to those things that make Emmanuel and St. Andrew's the wonderful, loving, faithful congregations that they are. First, as we enter 2017, we will return to the former "5th Sunday format," which entails one worship service at 10:00 a.m. for the whole parish. This worship service alternates between the two churches. The next occasion will be January 29th at Emmanuel Church. Second, we will put aside conversations about the loaded topic of "church growth." This has been a very difficult conversation with folks holding very strong and varying opinions about what may bring about growth and what impacts growth may have on the parish. And, the difficulty of this discussion takes energy and focus away from just how happy you are with your life together and how truly welcoming you are to those who may be interested in your life together. Third, we will once again give emphasis to the gifts that the Music Ministry at Emmanuel has to offer, promoting their special offerings in the parish and wider community as spiritually edifying. Fourth, I will renew the historic focus of clergy-based Pastoral Care. The nurture and care of parishioners is essential to the health and happiness of the parish. Fifth, special events will only be planned if they will comport with the parish's identity and current programming and budget. Sixth, Theology on Tap will be discontinued. The public discussion of God and the church has not generated any outside interest, and focus and energy needs to be turned to other priorities. Finally, we will return to using the Book of Common Prayer for our worshiping text, rather than use a full-text bulletin every Sunday. The full-text format is expensive, not ecologically sound, and takes us out of a principal and identifying resource of the church.

We've tried so much, and I'm proud of you and humbled by your willingness to try new things and have hard conversations. And now is the time to let go of what has not served you well and enjoy the warmth and fidelity of this wonderful parish.

Please Note to come - Mary is putting together a slide show from the Pet Blessing Service. If you may have any pictures from the Service, please email to beckfordsecretary@gmail.com.

Clothes Closet Ministry

Emmanuel Volunteers serve the first two Thursday of each month, and Trudy Pence is our liaison. It's important that more folks know about this important community outreach exists.

Hours of Operation for the Woodstock Clothes Closet:

Monday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wed-Fri: 8:00 am - 4:30pm





Halloween on Court Square for the Town of Woodstock

www.townofwoodstockva.com

October 29, Saturday 11am-1pm @ Court Square

Emmanuel will be providing hot dogs, chips, and cider to any Trick or Treaters who may want to venture down. We will need signage put up in Town Square letting them know to come down for free food and festivities. We are looking for volunteers to help out in these festivities. Please let Michael or Mary know if you are interested or may have any ideas, [email](mailto:beckfordrector@gmail.com) at beckfordrector@gmail.com or beckfordsecretary@gmail.com.



Save the Date for the October Women's Group Meeting

When: October 14th, 2016 @ 6 pm

Where: Ellen Flugal's house (Enjoy October on the River!)
924 Lupton Rd., Woodstock, VA 22664
[540 325-2303](tel:5403252303)

POTLUCK . . . if you can bring something . . . BUT PLEASE COME even if you forget the food or need to come straight from work!!! The important thing is to come!!!

(Please feel free if you need to come at the last minute please do)



St. Andrew's Community Luncheon October 13

Congratulations to all the hard work and success that goes into providing these meals. St. Andrew's is celebrating the beginning of their 4th year of Community Lunches on October 13, with a Lasagna luncheon. The next luncheon will be November 10, they will be serving something festive and seasonal.

Daughter of the Kings

Special thanks from the DOK to the Emmanuel Outreach Committee for their generous contribution. Together with Joanna Chapter we sent \$170 to the DOK International Cross Account earmarked for 10 rhodium-plated pewter crosses for the Uganda, Africa Chapter. Copies of an article will be placed on the message board at Emmanuel to read about the critical need and unique mission from the Royal Cross. Alleluia, praises to our God!



After Tomasina Stephon of Emmanuel Episcopal Church recently collected books and games for children we delivered and them to the Family Center of Family Promise, which houses homeless families. This was the note Emmanuel received:

Dear Outreach Committee Members:

Thank you so much for the bag of books and puzzles and other items for the children at Family Promise. The children, often come without their toys and books because they have to leave these things behind. Gifts such as yours allow each child to pick some items of their own to use during their stay with us and gives them something to take with them when their family finds permanent housing.

Thanks again for your generous gift.
Sherry Arey, Director

Although Family Promise only started operations early this year, it has already provided more than 2600 meals and 1300 overnight stays to 9 homeless adults and 15 children. Emmanuel is participating in this program as a “helper” church to St. John Bosco’s, one of the 13 churches in the county that host homeless families once a quarter for one week. St. John Bosco has asked if we can take a second night of meals for the next week they host (Nov 13-19). Emmanuel has decided to step up and do the two night meals in November. If you would like more information on how to participate in Family Promise, either directly or through our Outreach program, please contact [Katherine Morrison](#).

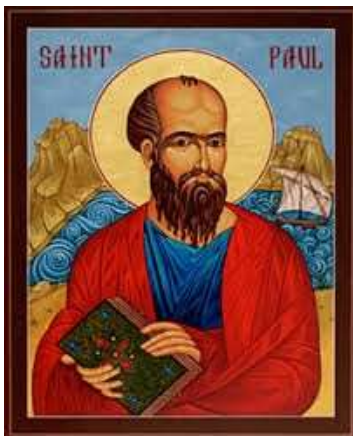
[Outreach Ministry from Emmanuel](#)

Volunteer Opportunity: Emmanuel Church will provide dinner to the clinicians who take evening hours at the Community Clinic. Please be in-touch with Ellen Flugel EFF@shentel.net or (540) 459-3953, if you would like to help out in any way. They are **looking for a team** lead for the October 20th meal.

Please let [Katherine Morrison](#) know if you can help.

[Rector's Bible Study](#)

There will be two different weekly Bible Studies each week. They will be held every Monday, at 5:00 p.m. at Emmanuel, and on every Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew’s. We will be continuing our reading together passages from the Gospel of Luke and Paul’s letter to the Galatians, roughly following the lectionary passages for the season after Pentecost. For online resources, please look at <https://bible.org/netbible/> and <http://www.textweek.com/>.



[Remember our Members and Friends](#)

Please remember our members and friends who are not able to be with us for Sunday services. A greeting card to cheer them up can be sent to their address below:

Judy Davidson (Consulate HC)
803 S. Main St.
Woodstock, VA 22824

Betty Page (Greenfield)
935 Ox Rd. Rm #115
Woodstock, VA 22664

Ruth Anne Troxell
1074 Magnolia Ct.
Woodstock, VA 22664

Bob Arnold (Consulate HC)
803 S. Main St.
Woodstock, VA 22824

Barbara Arnold
125 Miller Ct.
Woodstock, VA 22824

Arleene Grubbs (Greenfield)
935 Ox. Rd. Rm #119
Woodstock, VA 22824

For additions or changes, contact Tomasina Stephon at [\(540\) 683-9554](tel:5406839554) or email k2tt2k@hotmail.com.

Emmanuel Music Ministry for October 2016

by Linda Beville

The regularly scheduled choir rehearsal are on Wednesday's from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. There may be a day or two that we don't rehearse (eg Thanksgiving week) but it's pretty well set through the first of June 2017.

For the Future special service will be held on:

Choral Evensong on Sunday
November 6 at 6:00 PM
Advent Service of Lessons and
Carols on Sunday, December 11 at
6:00 PM Family Christmas Pageant
- Sunday,
December 18 at the 11:15 service



Emmanuel Episcopal Church
welcomes the newest member

Sydney Mark Regan

born on July 13, 2016
to proud parents are
Sara & Sean Regan

November Birthdays - Click here to hear your birthday song

November 4 - Meagan Boyd, 5 - Sally Clark, Andy Dawson (A), Casey Gibson (A), Jack Bauserman, 6 - Linda Clark, 7 - Marcia Hartmann, 16 - Judy Davidson, 26 - Sarah Cottrell



Samaritan's Purse: Better known as Operation Christmas Child. In past years St. Andrew's has faithfully supported this charity by collecting items needed by children throughout the world. Shoe boxes will be provided or you may fill one yourself with various items: small toy, non-liquid hygiene items such as toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs & hair brushes, or school supplies. Bring donated items to be packed to church no later than 11/13. At this time we will pack the boxes, tie them with a special cord and send them on their way. If you prefer to make a monetary donation of \$7.00 per box to cover the cost of your gift and deliver it to the hands of a child in need, all donations will be accepted. If you have any questions please contact Marcia Brownfield at marcia.brownfield@yahoo.com.

*Items not appropriate: used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, seeds, chocolate, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers and no aerosol cans.

Success from St. Andrew's Rummage Sale

First of all "thanks" to everyone who contributed to the successful rummage sale at St. Andrew's. St. Andrew's Guild wound up with a total of \$1,228.96 which will be paid forward to various charities in our area.

