



SUMMER 2011

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DATES OF NOTE

Sunday, June 5

Newcomers' Brunch

After the 10 a.m. service

Thursday, June 9

The Bread of Life

St. Paul's Church, Malden
3:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 12

Recognition Sunday and Church Barbeque

After the 10 am. service

Sunday, June 19

Begin Summer Schedule of One Worship Service

9 a.m.

Sunday, July 3

Independence Day Historical Service

Thursday, August 11

The Bread of Life

St. Paul's Church, Malden
3:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 21

130th Celebration

Details to be announced

Sunday, September 11

Resume Schedule of Two Worship Services

Church Barbeque following
10 a.m. service

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THIS YEAR, WE TOOK RISKS, BUT—NO SURPRISE—GOD SUSTAINED US

The Rev. Matthew P. Cadwell, Rector

Dear friends,

Another school year has passed us by and I hope, like me, you are looking forward to the more relaxed pace of summer. I imagine that this summer will be especially welcome, coming as it does after the long, snowy winter we experienced. I just hope it won't be too hot. I like to think of summer as a season set aside for enjoying the beauty of earth, teeming with life—sun, flowers, rustling

leaves, birds chirping. Whether on the beach, walking around the lake, or perhaps just enjoying your own backyard, I hope your summer is a time of refreshment.

This summer will present us at Emmanuel with an opportunity to reflect back on the year that has passed, while also looking forward to what God has planned for us. We took a *(continued on Page 2)*



This group was all ear-to-ear smiles after the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning.

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few big risks this past year and it should come as no surprise that God has sustained us through them, helping us to see the new possibilities of the future unfolding before us. For me, this is a sign of the strength of our parish and the deep desire among us to grow in faith, spirit, and community.

The first risk came in altering how we engage in Christian Education at Emmanuel. Last autumn we moved from a fairly traditional Sunday School model that was tailored to children in pre-school through 6th grade to a multi-faceted program that sought to provide learning opportunities for parishioners of all ages. Over the past year we greatly expanded our Christian Education program by offering Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings and education for

children, youth, and adults every Wednesday. There also was increased time for fellowship with our Wednesday dinners, attracting between 25 and 40 parishioners each week. There's no question that it was a lot of work for everyone involved, but hearing how much children, youth, and adults have looked forward to being with us really made it all worth it.

The reasons for the switch were several, but in large measure related to the need to renovate the Rectory after the Canterbury Children's Center came to the conclusion that the Rectory space it had rented was no longer needed. The renovation plans are gaining momentum, with a goal of returning the house to residential use to provide income for the parish as soon as possible. Therefore, we plan to continue to offer Children's Chapel on Sunday morn-

ings during the 10 a.m. service and Christian Education and Fellowship for all ages on Wednesday evenings, resuming in September. Over the summer the education leaders will be meeting to discuss how we can improve on the past year's efforts to make it an even better experience for everyone. If you have ideas, don't hesitate to talk with me or one of the other teachers.

The other big risk we took over the past year was experimenting with the free-standing altar after removing the choir pews. While none of us would say that the temporary arrangement has been perfect, it has allowed us to see what options might be possible in our building. With that in mind, the vestry contracted with an architect familiar with Episcopal churches to draw up plans for a modest renovation. By now you should have seen the artist's rendering of the space, with a repositioned altar rail and free-standing altar.

I know that the issue of the chancel has been one that Emmanuel has struggled with for many years, with some parishioners wanting to preserve the historic character of the space, while others hoped to see some change. The vestry and I have listened to these concerns carefully and the plan that the vestry approved attempts to do both. The beautiful historic altar and pulpit will be preserved exactly as they are. A new free-standing altar will be used and parishioners will again be invited to kneel at the altar rail, fully accessible to all with no steps to climb. What's more, the space will be opened up for concerts and plays, making the



Recognition Sunday took place on June 12. Above, Ron Cook presents some of the youth participants in the Wednesday night program with notebooks and funky star-shaped glasses for being "Stars of Light for Jesus!" Matthew noted that a regular meeting for youth—a long-time parish goal—was a major positive outcome of the Wednesday night program.

church an even more inviting venue for special events.

It has been heartening to receive so many generous donations from across the parish to fund this project. Long-time parishioners who have been with us 40 years or more and others who have joined us over the past year have offered gifts. We have even received gifts from former parishioners and former clergy who still care about Emmanuel. Many of the donations have been made in memory of loved ones who cherished our beautiful church. These donations will leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Thus, the vestry and I have come to believe that the time is right to take this momentous step.

Assuming that donations continue to arrive as they have been, we plan to undertake construction on the chancel this summer. Our goal is to have the work completed by mid-August. Over several Sundays this summer we will be worshipping in the parish hall as work is undertaken in the church, much as we did two years ago when the church interior was restored and painted. If you would like to make a donation in anticipation of this work, please consider doing so soon. Your kind gifts will be recorded in the handsome Memorial Book in the back of the church.

As it happens, Sunday, August 21, 2011, is the 130th anniversary of the very first service in our building. We are planning for a big celebration on that day, giving thanks for our rich heritage and looking to the future with hope and confidence. The completed chancel renovation will help us to do just that. Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate this historic parish anniversary.



Donations are still being sought for the Chancel Redesign Project, which will result in an even more beautiful, better functioning, and accessible worship space. Memorial or other contributions can be sent directly to: Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 5 Bryant Street, Wakefield, MA 01880.

Speaking of anniversaries, this August marks the third anniversary of my tenure as your rector. It's hard to believe that the time could fly by so quickly and also all that we have accomplished together over these few short years. Our buildings are looking better than they ever have—with even more improvements planned; new parishioners have come to us, enriching our life together; we hosted our first secondary student in 25 years; we now offer regular weekly opportunities for education and spiritual development for parishioners of all ages; a dedicated new pastoral care team is ministering to our parishioners in need; social events like silver teas, a wine tasting, movie nights, and the Spring Fling Auc-

tion have filled our parish hall with joy and laughter, and so much more.

Proud as I am, these aren't my accomplishments. They are our accomplishments together. They belong to all of us who have committed ourselves to living out the call to discipleship at Emmanuel. They are the proof that Emmanuel is a living, thriving place to grow in faith, spirit, and community. Like summer, we are teeming with life. As we look to our bright future, let's continue to grow together.

Blessings!

Matthew ✕
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MUSICAL NOTES

Michael Salvatore, *Director of Music*

As we begin summer at Emmanuel, I would like to briefly thank everyone who participated in making music for our services, and to note a few highlights from the spring.

- We had some wonderful solos by vocalists Cee Gandolfo and Vicky Hutchens. We also enjoyed music for strings played by our own Helen Salvatore and our neighbor and friend Peter Stickel. Carl Wickstrom and Ron Cook led our outdoor Palm Sunday procession on sax and trombone. And of course, thanks to Don Hodgkins for sharing the (cocktail) piano playing with me during the auction.
- Eileen Wladyka has "graduated" from her first year singing at Emmanuel. She had such a positive spirit as she learned to shuffle Hymnal, Prayer Book, choir folder, and anthem collections. There's a lot to learn as a singer in an Episcopal choir, not just the notes, but the—shall we say—choreography, and she gets an A-plus in our book!
- Tom Furth recently joined the Choir in the Chancel as a talented bass. Tom sang with me previously, and I'm thrilled he has joined our choir here in Wakefield!
- Amy and Ron Cook, Dawn DeKemper, Carl Wickstrom, Faith Hodgkins, Gail Matthews, George Haldeman, Jeffrey Smith, Abe Shurland, Doug DeNatale, and others joined the previously mentioned choristers to continue to offer fine music to our congregation over the last few months. Thank you to all of you for your commitment and talent.
- You may have noticed some new choir chairs in the Chancel. They were purchased from Allston Antiques in Springfield, MA, this spring. The oak, Mission-style chairs were made by our own town's Heywood-Wakefield Furniture Company in the early twentieth century and came from a church in Rhode Island. After an extensive search, we are happy to have found furniture that blends so perfectly



Concordia Consort (Sheila Beardslee, director; Christine Alderman, George Mastellone, and Brian Warnock, recorders; and Eileen Cecelia Callahan, soprano) performed a Lenten concert, *Teares of a Sorrowful Soule*, at Emmanuel on Sunday, April 3, accompanied by members of Emmanuel's Choir and other local singers.

Easter Morning at Emmanuel

April 24, 2011

Easter morning was a festive celebration at Emmanuel, with wonderful music and the “Flowering of the Cross,” a new Emmanuel tradition. Many thanks to Music Director, Mike Salvatore and our talented Emmanuel Choir; Karen Keough, who made the beautiful flowers that decorated the Altar; and everyone who prepared for and participated in all of the busy Holy Week services. The Easter morning service was followed by a lovely Coffee Hour and an Easter Egg hunt for the children.



with our building's aesthetic style.

- Speaking of aesthetics, I am greatly looking forward to seeing *and hearing* the changes that are coming with the chancel modifications. Not only will the changes look nice, but they will have a

positive impact on the acoustics in our charming Victorian building.

- A number of our younger parishioners provided vocal, musical, and dance performances during the annual Silver Tea, and they impressed all in attendance.

We have such a talented parish, and I am always looking to add to our music program. Summer soloists (vocal and instrumental) are always appreciated. Fall will be here soon; please consider joining the choir, offering an instrumental or vocal piece during the service, or speak with me about other ways to get involved. ✘

BREAD OF LIFE DINNER TO BE SERVED ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 11—JOIN US!

Denise Mallen, Co-Coordinator

Each evening, through the Bread of Life Mission, a different congregation from surrounding towns, prepares dinner for our homeless neighbors at St. Paul's Church in Malden for the Bread of Life Program. On April 14, Emmanuel prepared and served our usual dinner of Shepherd's Pie and on June 9, we tried a new summer dinner of hot dogs, beans, coleslaw and dessert. Our cooks, Bob Bent and Wallie Cook, were aided by Olga Packard, Dottie Fair, and Carol Johnson, with Chris Chen as our regular dishwasher. We'd like to thank Janet Regan and Carol Johnson who provided home-made and Girl Scout cookies, respectively, at our April dinner, and

Andrea Sullivan who provided cookies for our June dinner.

LEMONDADE ON THE LAWN

This summer we will continue the tradition of having lemonade and cookies, hosted by members of the Vestry, on the lawn (or porch, as dictated by the weather) after our 9 a.m. worship service. Your donations will support the Wakefield Citizens Scholarship Foundation in memory of Tommy Nestor.

The Bread of Life is holding its Annual Golf Classic at Mt. Hood Golf Club in Melrose on July 18. For more information about this fund-raiser, please check the notifications on the bulletin board at Church or the website for Bread of Life: www.thebreadoflifeonline.org.

Our next dinner will be on Thursday, August 11. We welcome any baked goods which you can leave at Emmanuel by 1 p.m. that day. If you'd like to join us, we begin preparations at 3:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.

Please let me know if you would like more information or a ride. ✕



The Rev. Matthew Cadwell and Amy Salvatore again hosted this year's Silver Tea on May 7, with help from many.



The Silver Tea May 7, 2011

This annual event provides an opportunity for fellowship among the ladies—and a few gentleman—of all ages at Emmanuel.

Thanks to Amy Salvatore for organizing an elegant affair, everyone who helped out with food and serving, Karen Keough for making the lovely floral teapot centerpieces, and the wonderful group of young people who provided musical, dance and vocal performances during the event.

Clockwise from above: Jessica and Elsie; Elizabeth and Cynthia; Bill and Joyce; Edie, Peg, and Olga; Midge Roberts, Doris Comeford, a friend, and Barbara Smith; and several youth attendees who helped with serving and provided entertainment.



THANKS TO OUR COFFEE HOUR HOSTS AND HOSTESSES



March 6
Cee Gandolfo and
Dawn DeKemper

March 13
Amy and Helen Salvatore

March 20
David Fieldhouse, Karen
Keough, and Lynn Peterson

March 27
Andrea Sullivan and Family

April 3
Liz Oehmen

April 10
Chrissi Hoag

April 17
David Fieldhouse,
Karen Keough, and the
Moran Family

April 24
Amy and Helen Salvatore

May 1
Cee Gandolfo and
Dawn DeKemper

May 8
The Dannenberg Family

May 15
David Fieldhouse and
the Walsh Family

May 22
The Homiak-McCann Family

May 29
Amy and Helen Salvatore

June 5
Leslie Samuelrich

June 12
Eric Dannenberg and
Emmanuel parishioners

AUCTION RAISES OVER \$12,000 TOWARDS ANNUAL BUDGET

The goal of raising \$5,500—the line-item attached to it in the annual budget—at the Spring Fling Auction on April 30, while challenging in and of itself, never seemed out of reach. “The real challenge all along for us—many of whom were very involved in the last Auction—was trying to ‘outdo’ ourselves, not necessarily from a financial perspective but more so from a community-building point of view,” says Liz Oehmen, who served as a co-chair of both Auctions. “The last Auction brought our congregation together in a special way, with the added bonus that we raised—quite unexpectedly—\$10,000. We really wondered if we could achieve that feeling again.”

Initially, the Committee’s charge was to hold only a Silent Auction, but Liz credits Cee Gandolfo with bringing forward the idea of also doing a Live Auction. “In 2004, the only thing that really made our Auction different from everyone else’s was the Live Auction,”

notes Cee. “It was so much fun—Bernie Hutchens was an amazing auctioneer—and it just felt like such a missed opportunity, both in terms of fun- and fund-raising.” The group decided to wait and see if the Committee could bring in the types of donations that would be necessary for a successful Live Auction.

Within a few weeks—with generous donations from parishioners, such as vacation cottages, stays at inns, Red Sox tickets, unique “home-grown” items, as well as other offerings brought in by Committee members from area businesses—it was decided to do a Live Auction, too. And, it brought in approximately \$5,000! In all, over \$12,000 was raised through both the Live and Silent Auctions and ticket sales. “We are so grateful to everyone for their generosity,” says Liz.

And did the Auction Committee feel that it “outdid” the last Auction? “We didn’t think we could do it, but we definitely exceeded all of our expectations—and then some!” ✕

THANK YOU, AUCTION COMMITTEE

Kathy Frey
Margret Gilligan
Liz Oehmen
Co-Chairs

Kathryn Adams
Dawn DeKemper
Cecilia Gandolfo
Faith Hodgkins
Bernie Hutchens
Vicky Hutchens
Karen Keough
Denise Mallen
Colleen Moran
Janet Regan
Amy Salvatore
Mike Salvatore

AND ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS



Whimsical decorations—dreamed up (and put up!) by Janet Regan—transformed the Parish Hall, creating a true “Spring Fling” feeling. Clearly enjoying the atmosphere and event are Dawn DeKemper, Cee Gandolfo, Sue Mitchell, and Auctioneer Bernie Hutchens.

Holy Week and Other Spring Happenings at Emmanuel



ALTAR GUILD CLEAN-UP DAY
April 16, 2011



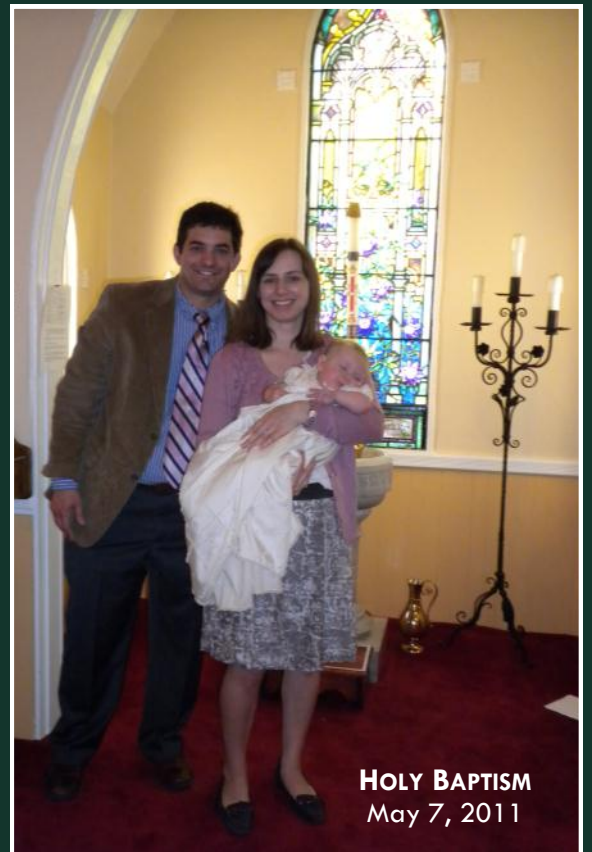
HOLY BAPTISM
May 7, 2011



PALM SUNDAY
April 17, 2011



EASTER
April 24, 2011



HOLY BAPTISM
May 7, 2011

Other News and Notes

EMMANUEL RECEIVES \$10,000 GREEN GRANT FROM DIOCESE

Lynn Peterson, Mission Commission Co-Chair and Member, Environment Committee

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday,
August 21, 2011

130th Anniversary
Celebration of the
First Service Held
in our Church
Building

*Details to be
announced.*

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts began a Green Grant Initiative last fall with the intent to “encourage, challenge, and support all the congregations of the diocese in environmental stewardship.” The initiative includes the Green Improvement Grants for energy saving equipment and supplies. Emmanuel applied for and received a \$10,000 grant which will be used toward installing new radiators and programmable thermostats in the Rectory.

There were several steps involved in applying for the grant. After receiving Vestry approval, we appointed an “Environment Committee” which consists of Vestry (Beth Shurland and Peter McCann), Buildings and Grounds (Andy Wallace and Peter McCann), and Mission Commission (Lynn Peterson) members. The Buildings and Grounds Committee assembled a list of capital projects and through this list we had originally identified replacing the light fixtures in the Parish Hall. After the Rectory pipes burst this past winter, we changed our request to new radiators.

A representative of the Committee was required to attend a Sustainable House of Worship (SHOW) workshop. At this workshop, I learned about bulk purchasing programs for energy that Emmanuel can participate in, free home energy audits through MassSave, and examples of equipment installed at other parishes. We also were required to start tracking our energy consumption, which we will continue to do to see if our efforts are making an impact. As part of our Green Grant journey, Emmanuel joined Mass Interfaith Power & Light and with that mem-

bership, we had an energy audit conducted at a reduced rate. The energy audit identified some things we already knew about (such as our need to replace the boiler), as well as some less costly measures that could yield significant energy savings (for example, caulking and installing interior storm windows). If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the audit, I would be happy to e-mail a copy to you.

As part of the initiative, we pledged to conduct education on greening the church and our homes. You may have noticed that the youth created a bulletin board hanging in the parish hall highlighting ways to be “greener.” We are also encouraging all households to call Mass-Save at 1-866-527-7283 for a free home energy audit and other stuff. Outside of our church and homes, there are other actions we can take as a community to be “greener.” The Mission Commission designated half of the Spring Coffee Hour donations to Gaining Ground Farm, an organic farm in Concord that donates its produce to soup kitchens. For the past two years, we have joined forces with Wakefield Climate Action Project to participate in their “350” Awareness Day.

We are very grateful to the Diocese for their generosity. The Green Grant is a first step toward making our church more energy efficient, but there are many other opportunities for action and awareness. If you have ideas or suggestions for the Environment Committee, please let me know. The Diocese would be happy to accept donations to their Green Improvement Program. For more information visit www.diomass.org/ resources for congregations/grants. ✕

SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO “TRY ON” A NEW MINISTRY Acolytes and Ushers Needed to Assist During Worship

Dave Sullivan always puts a uniquely funny spin on things. Now, Convener of Ushers—no, there is no such thing as retirement even after serving two 2-year terms as Emmanuel’s Senior Warden!—he recently sent out an e-mail plea for more volunteers. “Basically, it all boils down to Christian Crowd Control,” Dave stated in his message.

Despite the connotation associated with the title, ushering is a unisex position. “We have even had a few teenagers serve as Ushers in recent memory,” Dave notes.

Ushers greet and hand out the service leaflets, do a head count in advance of the Eucharist, bring up the elements, do the plate collection, guide people up for Communion (here’s where the Christian Crowd Control comes in, although it’s probably safe to say that there has never been a stampede during the Eucharist at Emmanuel!), and turn on and off the lights and fans.

Andrea Sullivan—Dave’s wife—coordinates the Acolyte schedule. In contrast to Ushers, who play an important behind-the-scenes role, Acolytes are very much front and center during worship—carrying the cross during the processional and recessional; assisting with the Gospel reading; helping Matthew in the preparation for Communion; and anything else that may be required during special services.

“Acolytes are definitely a part of the ‘pageantry’ of the service, so it requires a certain amount of decorum—no chatting or snoozing, for example,” Andrea says. And, despite the notion that serving as an Acolyte is a position set aside for teenagers—and indeed it is a great way to keep young people

engaged in our worship life—adults are also invited to serve. “In fact, two of our most seasoned Acolytes are Bernie Hutchens and Wallie Cook,” notes Andrea.



Both positions require that you arrive at least 15 minutes early, in the case of Ushers to hand out leaflets and in the case of Acolytes to robe and receive any special instructions from Matthew prior to the service.

“Summer is a great time to try out some of these ministries,” says the Rev. Matthew Cadwell. “Our summer services are much more relaxed and low-key, so you can see how it feels without a lot of pressure.” Experienced partners are available to walk interested volunteers through the duties of being either an Acolyte or an Usher at any given service. If you are interested in learning more about either position, please let the Sullivans know. As Dave says—in that special way only Dave can—“It looks great on your résumé, too.” ✕

Four acolytes participated in the Easter morning service at Emmanuel.



The Rev. Matthew P. Cadwell
Rector

Eric Dannenberg
Senior Warden

Beth Shurland
Junior Warden

Ron Cook
Treasurer

Amy Walsh
Clerk

Elizabeth Downs

Margaret Gilligan

Siöban Haldeman

William Hausrath

Peter McCann

Colleen Moran

Cynthia Peach

Andrew Townshend

The Vestry is elected to act on behalf of the parish and is always looking for your input. Meetings are held monthly and are open to all parish members.

Emmanuel's dedicated staff members were recognized with a standing ovation and restaurant gift cards on Sunday, June 12. From left, Mary Nestor (Financial Secretary), Julie Delory (Parish Administrator), Gus Surette (Sexton), The Rev. Matthew Cadwell, Michael Salvatore (Director of Music), Lisa McGough (Nursery Attendant), with Senior Warden Eric Dannenberg. Matthew noted that Gus, who started at Emmanuel in a "temporary" position, has now been our Sexton for over 20 years!

A PRAYER FOR EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GRACIOUS GOD,

You hold both heaven and earth in one embrace: make the doors of Emmanuel Episcopal Church a gateway to your eternal kingdom: wide enough to receive all who need human love, fellowship, and your tender care; and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and greed.

Bless every member of our parish. Here may the sorrowing receive comfort, the penitent be assured of your mercy, and the celebrations of life be shared with family and friends in your sacred presence.

Draw us ever nearer to your heart and daily increase in us your Holy Spirit of love and service to others, that our parish may grow in faith, spirit, and community; all this we ask through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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