

# Emmanuel ... God with us

*Loving God, Serving People -- Serving God, Loving People*

## Emmanuel Church News – October 2018

Parish News – from John McFadden, Warden

Emmanuel continues to be well served by the Rev. Jerry Wichelns and the Rev. Wayne Storey, both of whom have led many services in recent months. Summer services at St. Luke's-by-the-Lake went well with Fr. Storey presiding.

The Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Canon for Transitions and Church Development, is visiting today, Oct. 14, leading service and meeting with the Search Committee and Vestry following worship. She has been instrumental in helping Emmanuel search for a new priest to serve on a part-time basis.

Upcoming Sunday services: On Oct. 21 there will be a baptism of Johnathan Lee Thompson, son of Eli and Karysa Thompson. Fr. Jerry will conduct a "Blessing of the Animals" during service on Oct. 28. The All Saints Sunday celebration is Nov. 4.

Emmanuel will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, Oct. 20. Contact Kim Ross (315-523-5870) for details or to volunteer.

The Search Committee, which consists of nine parishioners, has met four times and continues its quest to find a new priest. Emmanuel is officially on the diocesan list of parishes searching for a priest. Mother Carrie "presented" the parish at a recent Clergy Conference. In the coming weeks, the committee will prepare to interview candidates and form a visitation plan for clergy interested in the position.

The following is the committee's statement on what Emmanuel is looking for in a priest:

"We are seeking a passionate spiritual leader who is interested in getting to know us, learning our stories and joining our faith community. We look for skills that include biblical preaching and teaching and the ability to help people apply scriptural truths to their individual lives. We would also like a priest who will provide counseling and who has a heart for pastoral care."

Please pray for these efforts and for the one God is choosing to be our spiritual leader.

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Emmanuel has a website! – from Gretchen Martelle

We are happy to announce that Emmanuel Church now has its own website. We urge you to check it out at [www.emmanueladams.org](http://www.emmanueladams.org). And you can help boost our position on Google by googling "Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Adams, NY." Each time someone searches for Emmanuel's website on Google, it gives us a higher position in the search hits. We are hoping to include lots of pictures on the website, as well as current and other helpful information about our church. In order to include pictures taken at church functions, we will need to have permission from you to include your or your children's pictures. If you receive a form with this newsletter, it means that we have a picture or pictures of you or your family, and we would like to include those pictures in the website. Please take a minute to fill in the form and return it to the church at: Emmanuel Episcopal Church, PO Box 29, Adams, NY 13605. You will be helping us to enliven and improve our new website.

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Building Project Update – from Ben Peyton

All materials for the ramp and the porch attaching it to the church have been ordered. The materials should arrive this coming week, and the work will be done as quickly as possible, as weather permits.

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### Fundraiser for the Peyton Family – from Sue Hamilton

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Emmanuel played host to a Community Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for an Emmanuel family whose daughter is very ill. Sarah Peyton, a 34 year-old vibrant, young lady, has been exposed to industrial chemicals that poisoned her. Sarah's family has been by her side, from Dallas to Martha's Vineyard, as well as all over New York State and the East Coast, trying to find treatment for Sarah.

Emmanuel's Spaghetti Dinner for Sarah raised approximately \$15,000, to help with the family's expenses. This is a drop-in-the-bucket compared to the expenses that the Peyton Family has incurred, and will continue to do so. However, the Peyton Family felt the outpouring of love that their Emmanuel Family, and the entire Community, had expressed. The event included the Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner (donated by Gram's Diner), live music performed by Quill & Plow (a local group including Emmanuel's John & Shirley McFadden), and the musical group of the five Grieco Sisters (Cathy Peyton's sisters, minus Cathy). There was a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 drawing, and a live auction, with Scott Zehr, Auctioneer (also with a connection to Emmanuel). Many volunteers from Emmanuel, friends of the Peyton's, and members of the Adams Community and beyond came together to plan and carry out this event. It was truly a labor of love!

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17*

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### Sunday School Update – from Shirley McFadden

We are offering Sunday School each Sunday for children Kindergarten through elementary school. Children leave for Sunday School after the Gospel reading and return in time for Communion at the end of the service. We also have nursery care available during the entire service for younger children. Come see our newly redecorated Sunday School wing!

There will also be seven sessions of the Alpha Course for adults running from November 4 to December 16. These sessions will meet right after church for one hour to 1 ¼ hours. They are a continuation of the Alpha sessions from last winter, so the material will be new. However, you would be able to attend even if you did not attend the Alpha sessions last January to March. This series of discussions is engaging and relationship-building and was well received by all who participated last winter.

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### Educational Wing Renovations – from Sue Hamilton

During the Summer months and early Fall, the Educational Wing of the Church has taken on a new look. Back in May, the Vestry decided to replace the carpeting on both levels of the Wing. It was showing wear and tear, literally. That led to discussion of the painting of the walls. While we were doing it, we would naturally need to clean out 40+ years of "stuff" that had accumulated. Therefore, our Undercroft became a storeroom while our Emmanuel workers painted and the carpeting was laid. And... then it all needed to be put back. We are almost done now.

We believe that nothing has been done in terms of this kind of maintenance since the Educational Wing was built in the early 1960s. The classrooms and offices have been put back in order, and soon, we will have a yard sale to dispose of the furniture and other items that we no longer have a use for. Then, the Undercroft will be used as we wish.

This job could not have been done without the help of namely Ronnie Jerome, Russ Greenwood, John Greenwood, and Jim Greenwood. There are so many other individuals who helped in this project too, but, to do that, I would be naming the Church Directory. You know who you are!

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13*

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