



The Messenger

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Our Mission

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a place where a sense of history and tradition meet the challenge of change, a place where people are drawn into community that nurtures mind and spirit, a place where the gifts and talents of individuals are honored and enhanced. Here we learn, live and share the gospel and reach out to meet the needs of those outside the parish. Together we worship and experience forgiveness and joy.

Dear Friends,

We are now deep into the season of Epiphany, the time of the Church year where we ponder the manifestation of Our Lord, the Light of the world. We have traveled with the Three Wise Men, and have come to bear gifts at the feet of the new born Babe. We experienced a marvelous Epiphany Pageant and Dinner. Soon, all too soon it seems, we will experience the season of Lent. After a rousing and entertaining Shrove Tuesday, where we will "get the fat out" and prepare to be shriven (older English word) of our sins; we will experience Ash Wednesday and the coming of the Lenten season.

Lent comes early this year. It comes almost a month earlier than last year! Those of you who may wish to literally be shriven of your sins (come to individual confession), please let me know and I will schedule a private confession for you. Yes, the Episcopal Church does offer the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent. So, if any of you wish to explore this option, do let me know. For those of you who are not familiar with this age old tradition, please look in the Book of Common Prayer on page 447 and also page 449 for the forms of confession. "None must, some should, all are welcome."

Blessings, *Gail+*

Mission/Living our Faith

Lent 2012 at Emmanuel Church

Lent is a time for growth and reflection for our church and for each of us personally. We pray that during this time our faith will become more active, that it will cast out fear so that through Christ we may work more fully for the well being of all creation.

We invite everyone, youth included, to make a special commitment to participate in the Lenten program this year. Each person we will hear has an important story to share.

Wednesday, February 29- Lenten Gathering- "Mission/Living our Faith" the Great Room-6:45.

Sunday, March 4-The Reverend Dr. Jane Patterson-will give the sermon at the 8:30 a.m. service and at the 10:30 a.m. service. She will speak informally in the Great Room in between the services. The Rev. Dr. Patterson is co-director of the Workshop, a ministry whose mission is to strengthen Christian communities by equipping them over time to practice discernment and discipleship in all areas of daily life. At the heart of the Workshop's ministry is the gathering of laity in weekly small groups to interpret their daily experiences in the light of biblical witness. With a Ph.D in biblical studies, she also teaches Bible and Spiritual Formation at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin and is on the staff of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio.

Wednesday, March 7-Craig Meyers, co-pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church for 23 years and local humanitarian will speak.-6:45, the Great Room

Wednesday, March 14-Katy Hoskins, Director of "Promises for Families" Foundation and Gloria Neumeyer, sharing her story of Adams House.-6:45, The Great Room

Wednesday, March 21-see March Messenger

Wednesday, March 28- As we have looked for new signs of hope in our personal lives and in the church, we will have an informal "wrap-up" discussion of our Lenten theme-the Great Room, 6:45.

SAINT'S AND FEAST DAYS

February 2, The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ

February 22, Ash Wednesday

February 24, Saint Matthias The Apostle



UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES

The Rev. Gary Sanford, Chaplain

The Spring semester began on January 17 with our first lunch was on January 18. Attendance for the first lunch of the semester is usually low, but in reviewing last years records it appears we have set a new first day record. We had a total of 52 for the first lunch of spring 2011, this year we started by serving a total of 60. We are also looking forward to this semester with many exciting things planned.

After several years of trying to establish a regular worship service at UCM, without success, I think we need to follow a different path in establishing the presence of God in the lives of our students. While most do believe in, and like, Jesus, most do not like the church. I believe that we need to take a less evangelical stance and more of a missional position. Not to say that evangelism will be neglected, but more emphasis needs to be placed on understanding, listening, finding ways to answer their questions, and address their concerns about the church. We need to look at religion and faith from outside the church and see it through the eyes of those whom we are trying to reach.

As I mentioned an increasing number of students are not interested in church or attending church services, but they do seem to enjoy, and get quite involved in, discussing religion and religious beliefs. One of the programs we hope to establish this semester is a regular discussion group exploring these issues. Hopefully we can involve students who have had unpleasant experiences with church (the main reason I hear from students with Christian backgrounds) and those who have no solid Christian background or are unfamiliar with church. As we look around at our own congregation and the congregations of many other denominations we see that the 18-35 year old age group is dramatically under-represented, a problem that will only continue to grow as fewer and fewer in this age group become members of faith communities. An excellent resource on this subject is the book *They Like Jesus But Not The Church* by Dan Kimball.

This is the primary group we attract to UCM.

We are also trying to organize another campus wide ministry fair such as we had last year. Representatives from all ASU campus ministries will be on hand to make presentations and answer questions at this event. We also hope to take part in the Healthy Families of San Angelo Children's fair in April with our cookie booth. And mark your calendars for the Dinner Theatre production of *Moments with God* on May 11 & 12. The production will be held in the parish hall and the play has been expanded to a full two act performance. We received excellent feedback from last year's performance and many requests to repeat. I hope to see everyone there and more information on ticket prices and menu are to come.

Thank you for all of your loving support and kindness.

God's Peace,

Annual Meeting News

At our annual meeting we elected John Hemphill, Shelly Neighbors, Felix "Ski" Lisewesky and Cora McGowan to fill Vestry positions. We wish to thank Gary Gibian, Jared Eggemeyer, and Wayne Neighbors for their years of service as they leave the Vestry. We also elected Lori Hollingsworth and Rebecca Duncan as delegates to the 2012 convention of the Diocese of North West Texas. Thanks go to Jane Lewis and Jeff Womack for their representation of Emmanuel Church to the Diocese as their terms end. We will be appointing someone to the position of Junior Warden at the February 28th Vestry Meeting. At the January Vestry meeting, Carl White was asked to continue his role as Senior Warden for 2012 and he graciously accepted.

There was a great deal of things to be thankful for this past year, and many people were recognized for their service to Emmanuel Church. Included in the annual meeting booklet, there were additional reports which reflect the involvement and commitment of our members as representatives of Christ's mission to the Church and to the world beyond.

We also discussed the budget for 2012, which had been approved by the Vestry earlier in January. Like last year's budget, it is a balanced one. We are fortunate that in these difficult financial times, members have risen to meet the challenge of supporting our worship, outreach mission, pastoral support to members, and education as well as maintenance of our beautiful building and grounds. Thanks be to God for the people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church for your generous donations of time talent and treasure!

There are extra copies of the annual meeting booklets for members who were unable to attend the meeting (as well as extra picture directories) located in the parish office.

Postulant's Corner

Hello Emmanuel! I want to start a monthly communication to let you know what this postulant is doing. I am currently in the third year of EfM. I am participating in an online class meeting because my teaching schedule prevents me meeting with the group that meets at Emmanuel. We have an active and vibrant group from all over the country and there are actually three of us living in Texas!

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In deacon formation, as a class we are reading *Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God*, by Elizabeth Johnson. It is a fascinating book that explores new insights into God within the Christian tradition, many of these ideas spurred by significant historical and social events in the 20th century. In our January meeting, Deacon Goolsbee from Abilene did a presentation on contemplative prayer and it was quite fascinating. If anyone is interested in learning more about this, the Contemplative Outreach website has a myriad of information: <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/>

I am continuing to be a Eucharistic Visitor as well as a chalice bearer. I will also resume being a lay reader. Thank you for your support and faith and I continue in this process.

Your Postulant, Jeff Womack

From the Senior Warden Carl's Messenger Message for February 2012

It's been a year since we've been in transition.

I thank all of you for your patience, love and cooperation as we've journeyed together this last year. I've been impressed with the great attitudes, leadership and conviction many of you have exhibited as we've learned more about ourselves and where we'd like to take the church in the future.

Here are some updates from our last Vestry meeting (17 January 2012):

- The 2011 budget was approved to be closed out as a balanced budget.
- The 2012 budget was adopted. It also is a balanced budget and due to additional pledges, higher than anticipated interest earnings and "savings" from 2011, is a healthy budget.
- The Vestry approved the assignment of Rebecca Duncan as Chair of the Bereavement Committee. The intent of this committee will be to assist those who need help and love during times of personal struggle or loss.
- The Vestry approved Carl White's appointment as Senior Warden for 2012.
- Future items to be discussed include:
 - * Consideration of hiring a qualified consultant to advise the Vestry of how to approach the maintenance, repair and enhancement of our organ.
 - * Consideration of hiring a professional to advise the Vestry of how to approach the modification of our flat roofs over the original annex building to prevent future leaks.
 - * Visit with our Thomson-Hardin endowment financial advisor.
 - * Appoint the Junior Warden, Clerk, Chancellor and committee liaisons for 2012.

Grace and Grub Update

Grace and Grub has had a great year! Last fall we served at least 175 kids most Tuesdays and Thursdays with numbers sometimes going up to 200 and beyond. The students continue to be polite and appreciative of their free lunches!

I continue to be appreciative of the wonderful people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church for their vision and support of this program. The lives this program touches are many. Thank you Emmanuel for continuing to support G&G financially as well as the wonderful volunteers who help out each week. I very much appreciate ALL of you!

We have six other churches in the community who bring food and volunteers to Grace and Grub on Thursdays. Those churches are St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Holy Angels Catholic Church, and Sierra Vista Methodist Church – who serve the second, third, and fourth Thursdays of each month; First Christian Church, First Baptist Church, Southland Baptist Church, and First Methodist Church (CHEERS Sunday school class) each serve once a semester. Each church brings enthusiasm, good cheer, and good food to the program!

I would like to thank Javy Santos for his help and Gretchen Noelke for bringing homemade cookies occasionally. The homemade cookies go first!!

Please come by any Tuesday and join in! Cookies also welcome! The students thank the servers as they leave; I am passing the students' thanks on to you!

That's all from Grace and Grub for now!

Anne Fish

Coordinator G&G

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YOUTH NEWS

***Thanks to all the youth who participated in the Epiphany Pageant!
It was wonderful and we can't wait for next year!***

PAINTING IS ALMOST DONE!!!

Look for a date for a party for everyone to come and see the finished Undercroft as a space for fun, learning, and worship!

Big thank you to everyone who has helped paint, give ideas, and been a part of the whole project. It is looking great!



All are invited to come down and take a look, and maybe even draw a picture on the white board walls or the chalkboard cabinets!

SHINE LIKE STARS... Philippians 2:15

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEB 22.
LENTEN PROGRAM BEGINS WEDNESDAY FEB 29!!!**

WE'LL EXPLORE WHAT A HOLY LENT REALLY MEANS AND HOW IT CAN CARRY OVER INTO OUR LIVES OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH WALLS SO WE CAN WALK THE WALK AND NOT JUST TALK THE TALK!

COME ON OUT AND BRING A FRIEND!!!!



GET DAILY-ISH UPDATES BY LIKING
"EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY"
ON FACEBOOK!!

Got questions? Get in touch with Max Williams at 653-2446
or email at youthdirector@emmanuel-sa.org

Children's Ministries



Epiphany Pageant 2012

Thank you to everyone who made this year's pageant such a success: Sheila Fisher, Max Williams, Mary Claire Lewis, Eleanor Elkins, Mark Hutson, and all the children and youth!

Junior Choir

Wed., 2/1—6:45 rehearsal

Wed., 2/8—6:45 rehearsal

Wed., 2/15—6:45 rehearsal

Sunday, 2/19—choir sings at 10:30 service

Wed., 2/22—Ash Wed. (no choir)



COMING SOON!

Wednesday, February 22 is Ash Wednesday — the beginning of Lent. During this special season, the children will be meeting in the Kreps building for a special Lenten program. In the past we have made a mural for the Kreps building, rehearsed and performed an evening of stories and songs, and learned about religions around the world. Each year is a new adventure so you won't want to miss what we are planning for 2012!

The Giving Store

New baby gifts--hand made.

Sharon Templeton's cards.

Cook books for holiday entertaining.

Seasonal cards.

Have a need? request special merchandise.....we are here to help meet your needs with Gift Giving!!!

From the Stewardship Committee:

2012 is here. Do you want to pledge? This is one of the ways that we, as a Parish, can show our support for our church and its mission. It is never too late.

Spring Confirmation Program Dates

For those going through the Confirmation Program, the Spring meeting dates are: February 12, March 4, April 22, May 6

Agape Groups

The final seven Agape Groups for 2012 have been formed. Thank you to Theo Houser for coordinating this program. Each of the groups has 7-9 people for a total of 56, a great beginning! If you did not sign-up for 2012, the groups will reform each year, so look for an announcement later this year.

The New 2012 Episcopal Kalendars are here!! Be sure to pick one up in the alcove by the receptionist's office today!!



Directories are In!

Please come by the office and pick up the new Emmanuel pictorial Directory. It helps to put a face to a name

Courtyard Coffee Hour

Thank you so much to the volunteers for January:

Sharon Templeton & JoAnn Rachele

Courtyard Coffee Needs YOU! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the Parish Hall, please sign up if you are available to host one Sunday. Its super easy!! All you have to do is provide a light snack and juice and coffee following the 10:30 service. This is such a wonderful ministry, *please don't let it go by the wayside.*

Hope to see you all in the courtyard!



FEBRUARY EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Adult Programs 9:30 a.m. **Sunday Adult Forum** led by John Caldwell, continues every week in room 136 of the new bldg. This class is for adults of any age who enjoy a spirited discussion of faith centered around a good book. **Faith Matters** an informal group that meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Wednesday Nights at Emmanuel- Join us every week for Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. in the church, followed by dinner at 6pm served by one of Emmanuel's amazing cooking teams. The food and fellowship are great and for three bucks, it's a bargain! At 6:45 p.m. there are **Programs for kids** and **WAC for teens**. **Bible study** lead by Garnett Teakell with Fr. Bob assisting, is presently studying the New Testament book of Luke. Join us as we explore the books of the bible with insight & lively discussion Occasional speakers also address the class on a variety of topics, check out our Lenten program on page 1. Spend your Wednesday evening at Emmanuel! A great way to meet your church friends and grow as a family.

Thursday Morning Bible Study led by Mother Gail Davis, is finishing the last books of the old testament and will begin with a study of the Apocrypha at 10am, in the Great Room. We look forward to welcoming new and former members to become a part of this special group of inquiring minds as we travel on our spiritual journey together.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

We will return next month with new books for you to explore. Come visit your library, there is a book waiting for you.

Birthdays

Kathy Baker	02/01
Rebecca Huteson	02/01
Hunter Shell	02/04
Conoly Brooks Jr.	02/05
Joe Duncan	02/05
Anna Thomas	02/05
Jean Cornell	02/08
Chizuko Carleton	02/10
Wayne Neighbors	02/10
James Queen	02/10
Heidi Brooks	02/14
Allison Brooks	02/16
Carol Dewar	02/16
Louis Rork	02/19
Caroline O'Connor	02/23
Bob Hedges	02/24
Toni Hendricks	02/24
Tara Rainey	02/24
Bill Vanoss	02/24
Chase Jackson	02/25
Yvonne Busenlehner	02/27
Virginia Chase	02/27
Claire Noelke	02/27
Harold Peterson	02/29

Wedding Anniversaries

Hollis & Katherine Farris	02/08
Phillip & Theo Houser	02/12
Sean & Susanna Brosseau	02/16



Memorials and Gifts

In honor of
James Queen

Given by
Anita Adkins

In memory of
Tillie Branham
Wade Choate
Paul Stanford
Nick James
Bruce Beesley
Tillie Branham
Tillie Branham
Marie Layne
Marie Layne
Wade Choate

Given by
Catherine & Jack Broome
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Anita Adkins
Anita Adkins
Anita Adkins
Dorothy Campbell
Joe & Rebecca Duncan
June Smith
Dorothy Stewart

Altar Guild

Tillie Branham

Mr & Mrs Thomas P. Spinks

St. Catherine's Guild

Tillie Branham
Marie Layne

Troy Branham & Family
Frank & Jo White

January Flowers

Flowers in January were given by:

Anita Adkins in Thanksgiving
Margaret Ballard to the grace of
God and in memory of husband
The Seifert Family in memory of
Logan

Norman & Carolyn Sunderman
in thanksgiving for Anja's
Birthday

Josephine T Bell Estate in
memory of Joseph H. Bell's
birthday

Norma Faubion in thanksgiving
Mark & Bryce Thieman in
celebration of Drew Thieman's
Birthday

St. Francis Corner

The St. Francis corner is a place for you to offer up your furry loved ones for prayer. If you have a pet you would like added to the list, please email receptionist@emmanuel-sa.org.



Prayers for Healing: Heidi, Buddy, Rummy

If your birthday or wedding anniversary does not appear on this list, please email it to receptionist@emmanuel-sa.org We don't want to leave anyone out!

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Ms. Jane Lewis, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Mr. Max Williams, *Youth Missioner*

Ms. Cindy Huteson, *Receptionist*

Mr. Javier Santos, *Sexton*

Worship Services:

Sundays at 8:00am &
10:30am;

Wednesdays at 5:30pm;

Thursdays at Noon

Vestry 2012

Carl White, Senior Warden

TBA, Junior Warden

Karl Wehner, Treasurer

Cora McGowan, ,Ski Lisewsky

Shelly Neighbors, John Hemphill,

Betty Jones, Mary Tinsley, Heidi Brooks,

Adam Busenlehner, Elizabeth Grindstaff,

Susan Kinney, Joe Duncan

*These individuals are here to serve you and
appreciate your
comments and support.*



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