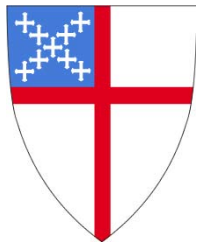


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Parish Meeting Celebrates 2009; Elects Coles and Millner to Vestry

By David Smith

The annual parish meeting was held after worship on December 20, 2009 with about 40 members attending.

As always, lunch was delicious and the parish hall was filled with conversation and laughter.

John Geyer served as the meeting's moderator and read a report offered by Senior Warden, Dick Camp.

The report served as our parish's "year in review" and clearly outlined and recalled our programs and accomplishments.

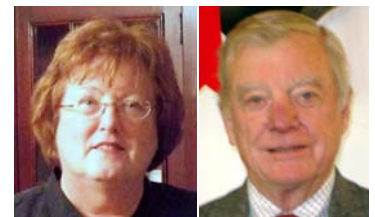
We are delighted to be

operating with positive cash flow and though we were not able to pay the entire amount requested from the diocese we did exceed the amount initially pledged.

Our outreach to the Oak Grove retirement facility is quite successful and many parish members are involved.

The parish newsletter and website continue to serve as fantastic communication tools for parish members & friends.

Treasurer, John Geyer, shared our current financial status and offered pertinent charts & financial statements for everyone to review.



New Vestry Members
Beth Coles and
H. Victor Millner

In 2009 we were able to meet all financial obligations from pledged income and have seen improvement in the recovery of our endowment.

The finance committee meets during each calendar year to discuss the portfolio structure

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2nd Annual Winter Cocktail Party - Saturday, Feb. 6

Please join us for Emmanuel's **Second Annual Winter Cocktail Party, Saturday, February 6, beginning at 6 pm at Eldon**, co-hosted again by Mary Hicks Heitzler and Alice and Wayne Wilson.

All adult parishioners

and friends are invited. Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

Please call Mary Hicks Heitzler or Alice Wilson to confirm your attendance.



Vestry Notes from the Senior Warden

Thanks to **John Geyer** and **Mary Hicks Heitzler** for all that they do for our parish and for their service on the vestry for the past three years. And welcome to our in-coming vestry members, **Vic Millner** and **Beth Coles!**

I am really looking forward to my third year on the vestry, not because it's my last but because of the wonderful church family we have at Emmanuel.

January and February will be a busy time for the new vestry with election of Senior and Junior Wardens, finalization of the budget for 2010, and preparations for the annual Council meeting beginning on February 12th in Williamsburg.

Just to make sure we have no idle time, we will also be finalizing a work list to address building and grounds repair and maintenance issues, preparing outreach plans, and last but not least, planning

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for several church functions for fun, fellowship and fundraising.

And I am sure Vic and Beth will add a lot of value to our work.

You may recall my comments in

my first vestry notes article a couple of years ago about our job being more than bricks and mortar of the church, that it also includes the creation of crossroads that bring people together. That theme is alive and well and we continue to be blessed with crossroads opportunities.

Two such crossroads events are scheduled for January and will bring the community to our doors.

The Wednesday dinner meetings, conceived by David and the ministers of the other Chatham Main Street churches, will continue at Emmanuel on Wednesday, January 13th with David making a presentation on "The Episcopal Church & the New World Order."

Emmanuel will also host the **Chatham Concert Series** again this year with the first concert in January. (See page 4 for details.)

We are so blessed with the talent brought to our area by Kevin Zakresky, Choirmaster at Chatham Hall.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for these events; you will enjoy the crossroads experiences!

- Dick Camp



Calling all writers and photographers!



The Pruden Parish Press is seeking additional contributors for Emmanuel's bi-monthly newsletter. Some articles are also posted to our web site at emmanuelchatham.org.

Prospective contributors would provide short articles, and / or photos, about parish events and activities for inclusion in the newsletter. Previous journalism experience is not required.

The Pruden Parish Press is published five times per year during the first week of September, November, January, March and May with articles and photos generally due by the 15th of each preceding month.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please speak with **Wayne Wilson** or **David Smith**.



Parish Meeting...

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and makes recommendations when necessary.

Fr. Smith announced that 2009 average Sunday attendance was equal to that of 2008 despite the transfer of some members to other parishes. This past year we recorded three deaths, four

confirmations and one baptism. We enjoyed hosting the Chatham Concert Series and look forward to doing so again this winter and spring.

Everyone offered appreciation & thanks to **Mary Hicks Heitzler** for her three years of service on the vestry and to **John Geyer** for his ongoing service as church treasurer as well as his three years of service on the vestry.

Beth Coles and **Vic Millner** were nominated, and elected by acclamation, as vestry members in the class of 2012.

The overall spirit of the parish is excellent and everyone is looking forward to another year together in God's service. At the conclusion of the meeting one parishioner commented, "**That was the most pleasant parish meeting we have had in years!**"

Emmanuel Calendar Notes for Jan. - March 2010

The schedule of services and other parish events summarized below are as of the date of publication. Changes or additional details will be published in the Sunday service bulletins, by special announcement and / or on the parish web site at www.emmanuelchatham.org. The complete calendars are also available on the web site.

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School for Young Children
Class for 4 to 8 year olds taught by Sharon Taylor in the Parish House. Please contact Sharon directly regarding space in the class.

10:00 am G2R with Dr. Smith
Adult Christian Formation Bible Class - Currently surveying the New Testament - in the Parish House Conference Room. New participants are welcome.

11:00 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II

12:00 pm Coffee Hour
In the Parish Hall following the Service

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Choir Practice
All parishioners are invited to participate in the Choir.

1st Thursday of each month

2:00 pm The Briar Ridge Ramblers perform at Oak Grove Residential Home
Social Hour sponsored by Emmanuel

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

Wednesday, January 13

Chatham Main Street Churches Dinner Program - Chatham Baptist Church, Chatham Presbyterian Church, and Watson Memorial Methodist Church - hosted by Emmanuel in the Parish Hall. Please call Dr. Smith at 728-3345 if you plan to attend.

5:00 pm Social Hour and Dinner

6:15 pm Program by Dr. Smith - "The Episcopal Church in the New World Order"

Sunday, January 17

3:00 pm Chatham Concert Series - The Saturn String Quartet - See page 4 for details.

Sunday, January 24

12:30 pm Vestry Meeting - Parish Hall Conf. Room

Friday, February 12 - Sunday, February 14

118th Annual Diocesan Council in Williamsburg

Tuesday, February 16

6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 17

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service - Main Street Churches at Emmanuel

Thursday, February 18

TBA - Chatham Hall Lecture - Phyllis Tickle, author of **The Great Emergence**

Friday, February 26

7:00 pm Chatham Concert Series - Aaron Hill, oboe; Kevin Zakresky piano - See p. 4 for details.

Sunday, February 28

12:30 pm Vestry Meeting - Parish Hall Conf. Room

Friday, March 26

7:00 pm Chatham Concert Series - Justin Craig, classical guitar - See page 4 for details.

Chatham Concert Series Returns to Emmanuel

The **Chatham Concert Series** returns to Emmanuel for the Spring 2010 season with its first event on Friday, January 17th.

All performances will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Admission is by Donation.

Concert 1 - Sunday, January 17 3:00 pm

Saturn String Quartet



Kevin Matheson,
violin

Just back from a performance at Carnegie Hall, violinist Kevin Matheson, a member of the Classic Strings

Duo, performs regularly in America and Europe. Kevin performs with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, is a faculty member with the Renaissance Music Academy and with Virginia Tech's Fine Arts Initiative.

Charles Shafer, violin



Studying in the Masters program at the UNC

School of the Arts, violinist Charles Shafer performs regularly all over the United States. Charles has a special interest in chamber music and plays regularly with several orchestras in the area.



Bryan Matheson,
viola

Violist Bryan Matheson, recent winner of the Ibla Grand Prize international competition in

Italy, has performed in Europe and America as a member of the Classic Strings Duo. He plays with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, is a

faculty member with the Renaissance Music Academy and with the outreach program at Virginia Tech.



Louise Grévin,
cello

French cellist Louise Grévin has studied in Paris, Strasbourg and Toulouse. Most recently, she has played with l'Orchestre de

Chambre de Toulouse, and has appeared as a soloist with the Chamber Orchestra of the Toulouse Music Academy. She is currently working on a Master of Music Degree at the UNC School of the Arts.

Concert 2 - Friday, February 26 7:00 pm

Aaron Hill, oboe



Oboist Aaron Hill is on the faculty of the University of Virginia and is principal oboe in the Charlottesville symphony. In 2008, Aaron received his MM and Artist Diploma from Yale University. Aaron has performed with orchestras all over the United States, Europe and Asia.



Kevin Zakresky,
piano

Kevin Zakresky is a choral conductor, pianist and vocalist who regularly performs in Canada and the United States. He is conductor of the British Columbia Chamber Choir, director of the Southern Virginia Baroque Youth Orchestra and Choirmaster at Chatham Hall. Kevin holds an MMA degree from Yale University in Choral Conducting.

Concert 3 - Friday, March 26 7:00 pm



Justin Craig,
classical guitar

Justin Craig is an active performer of both Jazz and Classical Guitar styles throughout Southwestern Virginia. He

received his Bachelors and Masters in Music from Radford University where he studied Classical Guitar with both Valerie Hartzell and Dr. Robert Trent. His performances always include a variety of solo guitar styles, including works by the Classical Era virtuosos, Brazilian Jazz, Spanish guitar favorites, and expansive 20th Century creations.

Concert 4 - Friday, April 30 7:00 pm

Liz Frazer, soprano



Soprano Liz Frazer performs regularly in concerts and operas in Virginia and North Carolina. She is a student in the doctoral program at UNC Greensboro, where she most recently won the University's concerto competition. Recent roles include Blanche in Poulenc's Dialogues of the Carmelites, and the title role in Tchaikovsky's Iolanthe.



Minjung Seo,
piano

Korean pianist Minjung Seo holds a Masters degree in Collaborative Piano from the Juilliard School and is currently in the DMA program at UNC Greensboro. She has been staff pianist at the Banff Centre in Canada and the Heifetz International Music Institute, as well as a fellow at the Aspen Music Festival.

The Priest's Corner



Author and church theorist Brian McLaren calls it "The Episcopal Moment" and I agree.

While many believe the Episcopal Church and other mainline churches are in an unalterable slide toward oblivion, I am hopeful and encouraged.

Sure, membership has been in decline for a long time, but that doesn't mean it always will be. We may not see a great influx of new members in the

next decade, but for some unknown reason, I truly think we will regain some of our "losses" and see a restored and invigorated church.

Spending most of my waking hours with teenaged girls in my classroom and office, on the athletic field, at meals and in chapel, I have come to realize how much they grow to enjoy liturgical worship, sensible Biblical interpretation, and a style of practicing the Christian faith that is not judgmental or threatening.

Everyone always says that youth are the "future of the church" and since that is obviously the case I am delighted to see their embrace of our identity.

So, if young people are drawn to and comfortable with the Episcopal Church, why don't we see more of them (or adults for that matter) in our collective pews? That's not hard to answer.

People, young and old, come because they are invited. Statistics show that 85% of all people who join a church do so because they were invited by a friend or relative to attend and subsequently join.

New people come to church because someone they know agreed to pick them up (or meet them there) have lunch afterwards and keep doing so week after week until the new person has a sense of belonging on their own.

I know our town is small and our social circles have, for the most part, been determined. However, that should not prevent us from keeping our ears and eyes open for opportunities to be hospitable and inviting.

It really is that simple. What's the worst thing that could happen? I don't think there is a down side.

- David Smith

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Prayer List

Pray for the sick and the shut-ins:

- * Allene Hunt
- * Nita Andrews
- * Catherine Overbey
- * Dorothy Roop
- * Marvin Mullis
- * Aly Youssef
- * Betty Jean Bryant
- * Nancy Bumgarner
- * Karen Keesee
- * Scott David Reynolds
- * Ron Irby
- * Nat Clement
- * Irene Fry
- * Alan Arey



Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy sick servants, and give thy power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Pray for the Departed:

- * Betty Whitehead
- * Juanita Willis



The Briar Ridge Ramblers at Oak Grove



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Please send stories, article suggestions or comments to **Jeanne Reynolds** or **Wayne Wilson** or email them to emmanuelchatham@gmail.com.

The article submission deadline for the March issue is **February 15th**.



Emmanuel's Treasures

By Jeanne Reynolds

In the November issue, we highlighted the 1881 **Sentence of Consecration**, consecrating Emmanuel Church, as recorded in the parish record books, which date back to 1859. Here are some additional photos of these wonderful old records.

