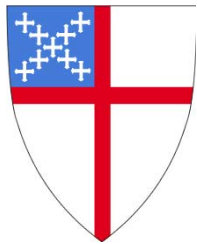


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Parish Gathers for Annual Meeting



By Susan Paynter

The Emmanuel family met in the parish hall on Sunday, December 12, for our annual meeting & covered dish luncheon.

Meeting agenda items included updates on vestry activities, search committee efforts toward finding a new rector, vestry elections, parish finances, and Christmas gift-giving for Oak Grove residents.

Senior Warden **Richard**

Camp brought us up to date on vestry activities, including search committee efforts. As part of those efforts, a parish profile has been developed to inform potential candidates. The committee is currently focused on two candidates. One, the Reverend Doctor Theodore William Johnson, will visit Emmanuel on Sunday, January 16 to celebrate the Eucharist.

The Reverend Doctor Johnson, son of an Epis-

copal priest, was ordained in 1986 and has just reached retirement age. His background includes congregational development and team building.

Before entering the priesthood he served in Washington as spokesman and representative for corporations, organizations, and political leaders of both parties.

Please do your best to be in Chatham on the 16th.

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Chatham Concert Series Returns

Emmanuel is pleased to once again serve as venue for the **Chatham Concert Series**. The popular monthly chamber music performances will begin in January and run through May.

New Artistic Director

Kevin Matheson is excited about taking the reins from Founder Kevin Zakresky who has returned to his native Canada.

Talented young music students will join the professional musicians for one or two pieces at

each concert. In this way the series achieves its double mission: to foster a love of classical music in our community and to create opportunities for young people to perform alongside professionals. See page 4 for the complete schedule.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon Photo Gallery



New Vestry members - Janice and Tred



Lunch!



John is all smiles about the financial report.



Shenanigans at the Annual Meeting!

Photos by Susan Paynter



Mary Hicks and Linda look happy.



Virginia and John visit.



Sharon explains Christmas Outreach Program

Annual Meeting

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This will be our opportunity to hear and visit with Dr. Johnson and to get a feel for his style and personality.

On the Vestry front, **Janice Chaney** and **Tred Hunt** were nominated and unanimously elected to serve on the vestry as

Dick Camp and **Linda Swanberg** end their three-year terms.

Treasurer **John Geyer** delivered the year-end investment and financial report, estimating that we'd entered into the black for the year.

Sharon Taylor explained how each of us could "adopt" one or more Oak Grove residents for Christmas gift-giving.

Beth Coles had placed a centerpiece of fresh flowers on each table, and **Tred Hunt** provided moist and savory roasted turkey breast as the main course. Parishioners provided beverages, side dishes and desserts.

Information on annual meeting agenda items is available for those who were unable to attend. Please talk to Dick Camp or John Geyer.

Emmanuel Calendar Notes for January – March 2011

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

11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II - 2nd & 4th Sundays
The Reverend J.W. Mathieson, Celebrant

Morning Prayer - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

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

Wednesdays

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

1st Thursday of each month

2:00 pm The Briar Ridge Ramblers perform at
Oak Grove Residential Home
Social Hour sponsored by Emmanuel
These elders would welcome *your* cheer!

4th Sunday of each month

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, January 7

7:00 pm Chatham Concert Series -
A Ukrainian Violinist

Sunday, January 9

11:00 am Installation of New Vestry Members

Sunday, January 16

11:00 am Visiting Priest - Rev. Theodore Johnson

Sunday, February 13

3:00 pm Chatham Concert Series -
The Flautist or Flutist?

Sunday, March 20

3:00 pm Chatham Concert Series -
The Saturn String Trio

Spotlight on the Vestry — Beth Coles Second in a series

By Susan Paynter

Beth Coles' area of responsibility on the vestry is fellowship. Beth, who is finishing her first year of this vestry term, is well suited for this position as Emmanuel's "hostess." As our fellowship leader, she operates behind the scenes, making sure all our social gatherings go smoothly. Her duties run from arranging flowers for the tables to making sure caterers and volunteers are on board for food and drink. Beth's flower-arranging talents also come in handy for her Altar Guild work.

One challenge this year was

hosting Emmanuel's rotation for the Wednesday Evening Lenten Suppers Series. The dinner was open to everyone in Chatham, but was held at the Baptist Church. Meeting the needs of so many in an unfamiliar kitchen and social hall was no small task, but she made us proud!

Beth first came to Chatham in 1968 from the Chesterfield County farm where she grew up. She began attending Emmanuel right away, and was confirmed a couple of years later.

Our "beautiful worship service" is one of the things Beth loves most about our church. As she says, "It's solemn, it's moving, and it's not too long and not too short." She also

loves the physical beauty of Emmanuel, and the true fellowship. "You can tell when you walk in," she says, "that we're honestly glad to see each other. *We enjoy each other!*"

And that leads to Beth's wish for Emmanuel. She'd like us to find a new rector who will feel the same way about us as we do about one another: "Someone who likes Chatham and can love us for who we are."



Spring 2011 Chatham Concert Series

All concerts held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 66 North Main Street, Chatham, VA

All concerts are admission by donation at the door.

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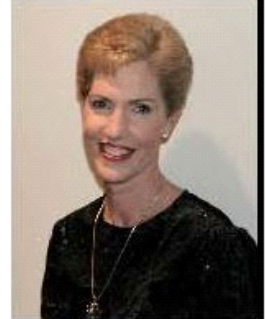
CONCERT 1:

A UKRAINIAN VIOLINIST

7:00 PM, Friday, January 7

Featuring **Oleksandra Vydria**, violin and **Brenda Wittwer**, piano

Winner of the Competition of Young Violinists in Kiev and a graduate of the Tchaikovsky Ukrainian National Music Academy, Oleksandra is a talented violinist visiting from Ukraine.



CONCERT 2:

THE FLAUTIST OR FLUTIST?

3:00 PM, Sunday, February 13

Janet Phillips, flute and **Carmella Fisher**, piano

Chatham's favorite flutist back by popular demand.



CONCERT 3:

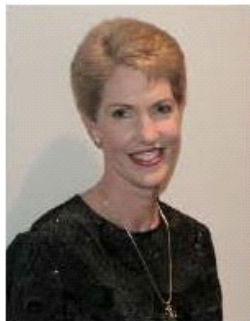
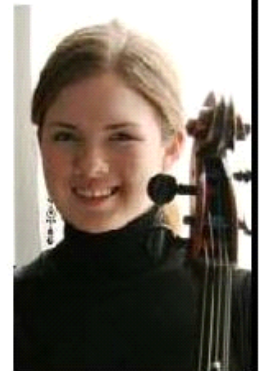
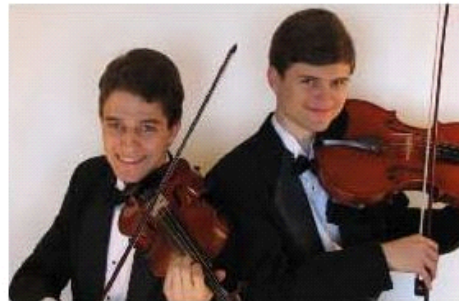
THE SATURN STRING TRIO

WITH GUEST GUITARIST **ANDREW MOTTEN**

3:00PM, Sunday, March 20

Kevin Matheson, violin; **Bryan Matheson**, viola; **Kayla Hermann**, cello
Andrew Motten, guitar

Members have performed in Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center.



CONCERT 4:

ROMANTIC MUSIC

FOR CLARINET, PIANO AND STRINGS

7:00 PM, Friday, May 6

Brenda Wittwer, piano; **Kevin Matheson**, violin; **Bryan Matheson**, viola

Featuring **Alex Jones**, principal clarinetist of the Pittsburgh Philharmonic.



The Epiphany

By The Rev. Dr. John S. Ruef

Luke is careful to put things in their proper historical perspective: the lectionary follows suit. The gospel readings take up Jesus' story when he comes to the Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptizer. Epiphany shows us that Jesus is someone very special. It also shows us that he is a part of God's plan of salvation for humankind.



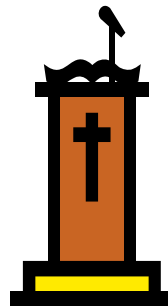
Joseph Campbell puts Jesus in the long line of heroes and takes the Temptation in the wilderness as his preparation for his mission. The Gospel rendering of the story keeps God in charge quoting the heavenly voice as saying that this is God's Son.

This particular reading once again puts John in his place as the precursor of the Messiah. The

Epiphany shows us that Jesus is someone very special.

The Church knows however that this is the Messiah, God's Son who is the

author of our salvation. On the road ahead and during the season of Epiphany we are on our way with him to his destination.



statement of John that the one who comes after him will baptize not only with the Holy Spirit but also with fire brings to mind the early Church's notion that the end of all things was at hand. The Church wisely took up John's practice of baptizing with water.

Prayer List

Pray for the sick and the shut-ins:



- * Allene Hunt
- * Catherine Overbey
- * Dorothy Roop
- * Marvin Mullis
- * Scott Daniel Reynolds
- * Ron Irby
- * Alan Arey
- * Alice Overbey
- * Robin Haley Anselmo
- * Othelia Davis
- * Louis DePaulo
- * Shannon & Ed Olivarez
- * Hunter Powell
- * Nancy Jones Hayes

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.

Emmanuel Celebrates Christmas

By Susan Paynter

Emmanuel changed from Advent purple to Christmas red on the evening of December 22nd as many parishioners came together for the Greening of the Church.



Fortified by hot mulled cider, the Emmanuel "elves" trimmed the church with magnolia, holly, and poinsettias. The tree was hoisted and decorated as young John Scott kept spirits bright by playing Christmas carols on the piano.

On Friday, Christmas Eve night, the service was preceded by a festival of 14 carols, accompanied by Kenyon Scott on the piano and then the pipe organ. The



voices of the Emmanuel Choir and parishioners were joined by those of guests from the community and families visiting for the holidays. Mark dePaulo read the Nativity Gospel of Luke. The Rev. Jim Mathieson preached the Christmas sermon and celebrated the Holy



Eucharist.

After the worship service all repaired to the parish hall - which Beth Coles had decorated beautifully -- to enjoy good company, homemade eggnog and seasonal delicacies.



The big snow hit on Christmas evening, and the service of lessons and carols planned for Sunday, the 26th, was cancelled.

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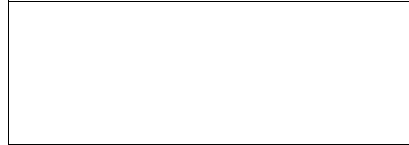
The Rev. J. W. Mathieson, Supply Priest

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

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



Spotlight on the Vestry — Jayne dePaulo

Third in a Series

By Susan Paynter

Jayne dePaulo's area of responsibility on the vestry is worship. Jayne has been serving on the vestry for two years now, and enjoys the work; although "Holy Week was pretty intense," she admits, "from lining up readers for The Passion Narrative, to finding an appropriate vessel for Dr. Smith's washing of the acolytes' feet."

An additional challenge has been to maintain "inspirational, worshipful and meaningful prayer services" in the absence of a full-time rector. She credits John Geyer with helping to make that possible.

The dePaulo family has lived in Chatham for 15 years. They moved west from Norfolk where Jayne's occupations included mother-of-three, U.S. Navy sub-contractor, and working at

the Tea Room at Norfolk Botanical Gardens, where she "really learned to cook."

Jayne grew up a country girl, though, in Stanly County, North Carolina. Among other things, her family's farm comprised Black Angus cattle, hogs, and 75,000 laying hens, which, says Jayne, "were free range before free range was cool." Now she works for Infinity Global in Danville.

Originally, The Episcopal Church was a compromise between Jayne's Methodist/Lutheran background and Mark's Catholic roots. Now it's just home.

And what's her favorite thing about Emmanuel?

"Without a doubt, the people; the embracing love. I never had to work for

it. I never had to *try* to fit in or make it happen. It was just there."

When asked what she would wish for Emmanuel, Jayne had an interesting answer.

"Nothing. Emmanuel doesn't really need anything," she said. "Well, maybe a few things. Like a priest. But what I *really* wish is that more people could feel what we feel here. I wish *everyone* could feel the way Emmanuel makes *me* feel."

See page 3 for another Spotlight.

