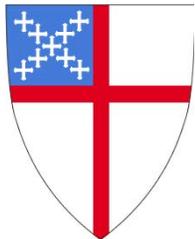


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Emmanuel Begins Search for a New Priest with Parish Meeting

By Susan Paynter

Many parishioners turned out for a potluck luncheon held in the parish hall following Morning Prayer on Sunday, July 18.

The two draws were the wide variety of dishes brought in and shared by all, and a group discussion covering the ongoing search for our new priest.

The food, as usual, was spectacular. Fried chicken was provided and was supplemented with homemade casseroles, heaping dishes of garden-fresh vegetables, and freshly baked pies and cakes and cobblers.

After lunch, **Senior Warden Richard Camp** brought us up to date on the search committee's efforts. He said a parish profile is being developed for potential candidates, describing the Pittsylvania, Chat-ham and Emmanuel communities.

He also told us about two leads: a priest out of Orange County that Choirmaster & Organist Kenyon Scott had heard was considering relocation, and another who lives in Danville and works in Greensboro, whom the Diocese believed might be leaving that city.

Finally, Richard pre-



Richard Camp,
Senior Warden

sented a generic "wish list" of attributes as the starting point for a discussion about what we hoped for in a priest.

Those present discussed that list and many other ideas. Richard took the consensus opinions "back to the drawing board" to incorporate into our listing for the position opening.

Jim Mathieson Returns to Emmanuel

While Emmanuel searches for a new rector, the Parish is being ably served by **the Reverend James W. Mathieson**, a retired priest.

Fr Mathieson has served as supply priest for a number of parishes in the Diocese of Southern Virginia since his retirement as rector of the

Church of the Epiphany in Danville, Virginia.

Early in his ministry, Fr Mathieson also served for several years as rector here at Emmanuel.

Jim and his wife Joan reside in Danville, Virginia.



Vestry Notes from the Senior Warden

Almost fall again and thank goodness for the recent rains and cooler weather. I, for one, am ready for it!

As you know, we asked Rev. Jim Mathieson to celebrate Holy Eucharist with us at least twice each month beginning in July. Now that we are past a few commitments he had previously scheduled, he will be with us regularly on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for the foreseeable future. Thanks to our excellent cast of Worship Leaders and Lectors, we will continue with Morning Prayer other Sundays.

Regarding our search, the vestry has met again with Rev. Jeune

Cunningham, one of the two deputies appointed by Bishop Hollerith to handle clergy transitions, and Rev. Cleon Ross to further discuss our needs and a path forward for our search.

Our church family is small but strong. I hope you enjoy the article on successful churches as much as I have. It reminded me of Emmanuel.

The vestry, with help from Susan Paynter, has developed a parish profile to provide information to potential candidates as well as for those who are helping with our search. When the vestry has completed its review, the profile will be sent to everyone. Your ideas, comments and suggestions will be welcomed.



At the congregational meeting in July, I was encouraged that we had two potential candidates. Just recently, the candidate from Danville withdrew due to a change in his situation. We have confirmed that the other candidate is indeed interested and will be talking with him soon.

Through the first half of the year we have had no unusually high or unexpected expenses yet we are at a slight deficit due to less than expected plate & pledge income. This is not a major concern at this time since much of our income is usually received late in the year.

The vestry has tabled cleaning of the church exterior and installation of a sprinkler system, but the much-needed painting of the parish hall window exteriors is complete along with the cleaning and preservation of the decking behind the parish hall.

Along with the new hot water heater, the water supply piping from the water meter to the church and interior piping was replaced to improve water flow to all of the service outlets. The counter section where the old water heater was located will be removed and repaired as soon as an acceptable tile match can be located and installed, leaving room for another refrigerator or storage cabinet in the future.

Our church family is small but strong. I hope you enjoy the article on successful churches as much as I have; so much of it reminded me of Emmanuel. Continue praying for our church and I'll see you there!

- Dick Camp

Sunday, June 13th at Emmanuel

By Jeanne Reynolds

What was so special about June 13th at Emmanuel?

To start the morning, the master of the organ and choirmaster, **Kenyon Scott**, arrived in his 1931 Ford car.



Morgan DePaulo, home from Mary Washington University, was crucifer and server, along with Emmanuel's very own **Emily Mullis**. Emily has graduated to be a regular acolyte. The choir was supplemented with **Wayne Millan's** strong voice as he was home in Chatham to say goodbye to **Linda and Pete Aagaard** and **David and Jane Smith**.

Linda and Pete are moving to Nellysford, Virginia. They prepared a wonderful **picnic lunch** for the congregation as their way

of saying goodbye and thank you to their friends at Emmanuel.

Since most of the choir members had vacations planned for the last of June, it was also the choir's opportunity to say goodbye to David, Jane, Pete and Linda. David is leaving Chatham to take a position at Woodberry School.

These special folks will all be greatly missed at Emmanuel.

Please turn to page 4 for more photos.

Emmanuel Calendar Notes for Sept. - Nov. 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

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

Outreach Continues at Oak Grove Residential Home

By Dick Camp

Last year we focused outreach efforts on helping residents of Oak Grove Residential Home. Since then, Ron Irby and his band have entertained and parishioners have served cookies and drinks and danced with the residents almost every month.

After we adopted Oak Grove, Betty Camp spread the word about their needs to her cousin Irene Frye, then Senior Warden at St. John's in Mt. Airy and now deceased, who sent it along to her friends at a church on the Virginia coast.

This word of mouth resulted in the delivery of air conditioners for many of the rooms, money for the purchase of additional air conditioners and comfort items from two churches on the coast.

In July, after several failed attempts to get local contractors to

make a structural repair to one of the east porch columns, we turned to our own resources to get the job done.



The problem was major rot of the wooden base and bottom two feet of one porch column.

One corner of the upper porch was jacked up and temporarily supported with a 4 x 4 timber. The rotted base and about two feet of rotted column were removed. To simplify the repair, it was decided to raise the concrete base by a foot with new concrete.

From this point a new 6 x 6 square

treated wood base will be installed on the concrete base and then topped with a handmade doughnut-shaped piece made from treated 4 x 4 lumber to support the wood column. As soon as this project is complete, we will be looking for the next one to tackle. There are plenty to choose from.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Dick Camp. Also, the next time Ron and his band are scheduled to play for the residents, drop by to help serve cookies and drinks, dance with some of the residents or just listen to some great music. Then stop by the east porch to check out our work.



Around the Parish

(Photos by Susan Paynter, Jeanne Reynolds & Rosemary Nichols)



At the **Aagaards' Picnic** (l to r): Alice Coles & Joe Hasankulizade, Linda Agaard & Wayne Millan, Lisa Mullis & Janet Turner



David Smith's last day at Emmanuel Boppa DePaulo with David

Farewell Coffee Hour for David & Jane Smith

Linda and Pete Aagaard



Joe, Susan and Jane - "Joe, do you think you can handle this?"

Irma and Ron Irby

Johnny and Seth Hunt with David Smith



Liz Hairston & Garrie Thompson

David, Pete, Linda and Jane

Vic Millner and Walter Coles

Four Habits of Highly Effective Churches

By The Rev. Dr. James H. Cooper, Rector, Wall Street Trinity
(Part I of a two-part series. Reprinted with permission.)

Growth in the Church is not linear (1 to 2 to 3), but rather exponential (2 to 4 to 16). Scripture tells us that through God the abundance of love is multiplied for everyone in a never-ending flow of plenty.

Churches are places that help people keep lives centered in the Gospel. In this endeavor, we do well by cultivating and balancing simplicity and intimacy, splendor and awe, mission and ministry, and prophecy and prayer.

Intimacy and Simplicity

Human beings yearn for small-town life. This is true even for people who live in big cities, where neighborhoods usually self-organize into areas of four blocks or so. No matter where we live, we come to know the grocery store owner, the dry cleaners, and our neighbors — all those with whom we share this pattern of familiarity.

The Church is an antidote to the alienation and complexity so commonly felt in other areas of life. Parishes that foster intimacy and simplicity create situations and opportunities that encourage common experience and storytelling. Coming together in shared work allows people to relax in the task at hand. Through that experience comes intimacy and a shared story.

Everyone, of course, has a different pace and a different path in sharing intimacy with others. I had been married five years before my wife and I prayed together out loud, for instance.

Parishes are conduits to feelings of splendor and awe. The little churches can do it as well as the cathedrals.

Parish leaders who are mindful of those differences work with others to create a variety of opportunities.

Splendor and Awe

I am always careful not to assume that splendor and awe always have to do with grand size or unfathomable scale. We assume that bigness equals splendor or generates awe. But remember, the Holy Eucharist is splendid and awesome. It is also simple and intimate.

For many years, my wife and I have vacationed in Jonesport, a small town in Maine. There is a big Fourth of July celebration each year with a parade, food, lobster-boat races, and fireworks. The whole town makes it happen, and the whole town participates.

In contrast, for the big tickertape parades in New York City only a very small number of people are involved in producing the event, while hundreds of thousands watch from the street and on television.

Is one more splendid or awesome than the other?

People want to be part of something larger than themselves. What is awesome or splendid has only to do with the emotions or feelings that come forth. Awe is what we call feeling part of something bigger than oneself. We all yearn for the intimacy of the small-town experience and desire to be part of that which is bigger than ourselves.

Prayer List

Pray for the sick and the shut-ins:

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



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.

Parishes are conduits to feelings of splendor and awe. The little churches can do it as well as the cathedrals. It can be found in tympani and trumpets, and it can be at the fracture of the bread at an Easter sunrise service.

One good exercise is to look at all of your congregational liturgies, activities, good works, and relationships through the lens of splendor and awe. You will find that connection in places you never expected.

In Part 2, Dr. Cooper speaks of **mission and ministry**, and **prophecy and prayer** - two other means for helping us "keep lives centered in the Gospel."



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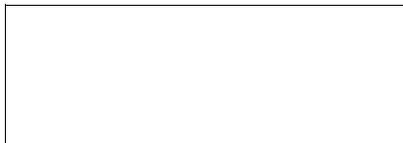
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Please send stories, article suggestions or comments to **Jeanne Reynolds** or **Wayne Wilson** or email them to emmanuelchatham@gmail.com.

The article submission deadline for the November issue is **October 15th**.



Women of Emmanuel Christmas Card Reprinted

Back by popular demand!

The Women of Emmanuel **Christmas Card** has been reprinted for 2010.

The cards are now on sale for \$12.00 for 10 cards and envelopes. Please see Ruth Jones or any other member of the Women of Emmanuel.

All proceeds will be used by the Women of Emmanuel for Church projects.

Inscription inside the card:

May the Joy and Peace
of Christmas
always be with you

