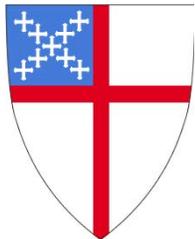


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Emmanuel Sunday School Carries Easter to Oak Grove Residents

Sharon Taylor's **Sunday School Class for Young Children** joined in Emmanuel's **Out-reach Program** for the residents of **Oak Grove Residential Facility** by preparing and delivering nearly 60 Easter baskets filled with Easter candy, cookies, bunnies, and face cloths.

The children's efforts were rewarded with many warm smiles from the staff and residents of Oak Grove on the Saturday afternoon before Easter as the children made their deliveries to the residents' rooms.

Class members were joined in the preparation of the baskets by



Easter baskets ready for delivery. (Photo by Rosemary Nichols. More photos on page 4.)

associate class members Nancye Bowman, Lisa Mullis, Langhorne Jones, Mary Catherine Plaster, Jayne DePaulo, Morgan DePaulo, Wayne Millan, and

David Smith.

The Class also thanks the parishioners who donated baskets, candy, cookies and other goodies for the project.

Join Us for Mothers' Day Dinner - May 7th

The Men of the Church will be hosting a special Mothers' Day dinner for all the women of the church (whether you are a mother or not!) on Thursday, May 7 beginning at 6 pm in the Parish Hall.

Head chef Tred Hunt has promised a feast to remember. Wine and other beverages will be available in plentiful quantities.

Ladies, come out and enjoy a sumptuous evening meal and leave



the dishes to the men!

Vestry Notes from the Senior Warden

Finally, spring is here and we're getting ready for some work and some fun! By the time you read this, our **Mothers' Day Dinner** celebration will be right around the corner. Ladies, don't forget to sign up. (And men, we need YOU in the kitchen!)

At our last Vestry meeting, the Outreach Committee recommended to the Vestry, and the Vestry agreed, that we concentrate our near-term outreach efforts primarily on **Oak Grove Lodge** since they have so many needs that are unfulfilled. To that end, we plan to dedicate the proceeds of an upcoming fundraiser to Oak Grove. We have also received a fund raising challenge.

Much like the window maintenance project that was so successfully financed by matching donations, we now have an anonymous donation of \$500 that will be used to match any donation to the

We have already received a \$500 matching grant challenge for Oak Grove.

church that is earmarked for outreach to Oak Grove. So get your checkbooks out and let's get that matching \$500 for a good cause.

We will be providing you with more information as specific projects and needs at Oak Grove are defined and agreed upon.

We are also starting to prepare for **David's ordination** to the priesthood on June 2nd, so mark your calendars!



Mary Catherine Plaster and **Jayne DePaulo** are heading up a committee to handle our part of that celebration and we will have more details to follow after our next Vestry meeting. If you have any suggestions, please speak with Mary Catherine or Jayne.

The Vestry invites your comments or suggestions. Just drop a note to any one of us or email me at dickcamp@verizon.net.

— Dick Camp

Oak Grove Residents Enjoy the Spring Weather



Pictured, Left to Right: Henry Elliot, Judy Blair, Henry Tucker, Norma Franklin, Alease Trent and Gertrude Ross enjoying spring on the front porch at Oak Grove Residential Care Facility

But the Easter Candy is long gone ...



Our photographer had hoped to see some remnants of the Easter goodies on her recent visit to Oak Grove Lodge. But Oak Grove resident **Lawrence H. Booth** says the Easter candy was very tasty and much appreciated, but it's long gone!!

(Photos by Rosemary Nichols)



Emmanuel Calendar Notes for May - July 2009

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 WEEKLY 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.
(Class recesses for the summer on May 31st)
- 10:00 am **G2R with Dr. Smith**
Adult Christian Formation Bible Class - the sweeping drama of the Biblical story as told from Genesis to Revelation - in the Parish House Conference Room. New participants are welcome.
(No class on May 10)
(Class recesses for the summer on May 31st)

11:00 am **Holy Eucharist - Rite II**
(Morning Prayer on May 10)

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.

SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

Thursday, May 7

6:00 pm **Mother's Day Dinner** hosted by the Men of the Church in the Parish Hall

Saturday, May 9

7:00 pm **The Chatham Concert Series** concludes with **The 1 Tenor**
St. Mary's Chapel at Chatham Hall
Kevin Zakresky, Tenor
Katherine Dowling, piano

Sunday, May 10

11:00 am **Morning Prayer** (Dr. Smith will be away.)

Sunday, May 17

11:00 am **St. Mary's Choir Sings at Emmanuel**

Sunday, May 31

9:45 am **Sunday School for Young Children**
10:00 am **G2R with Dr. Smith**
Last classes for the summer

Tuesday, June 2

7:00 pm **David Smith's Ordination** to the Episcopal Priesthood by Bishop Hollerith at Emmanuel Church

Dr. David Smith to be Ordained Priest on June 2nd at 7 pm

Emmanuel vicar, Dr. David Smith, will be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church in a service to be held at Emmanuel on Tuesday, June 2nd beginning at 7 pm. The service will be followed by a **Reception** in the Parish Hall.

The Rt. Rev. Herman "Holly" Hollerith, our new diocesan bishop, will officiate accompanied

by numerous other area priests and bishops. Plan to come early - a large crowd is expected.

The ordination service will mark the end of an 18-month journey, which Dr. Smith began in September 2007 with his decision to seek ordination in the Episcopal Church after 30 years as a minister in the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Smith was ordained to the Episcopal Church's transitional diaconate in November 2008 and has served as vicar at Emmanuel since January 2008.

Dr. Smith has also served as chaplain, religious studies teacher, and cross country coach at Chatham Hall since 2002.

Easter Weekend at Emmanuel Church

Photos by Rosemary Nichols



Holy Week at Emmanuel drew to a conclusion this year with a flurry of activity over the Easter weekend.

Saturday morning began with Emmanuel's **spring yard cleanup** thanks to Ron Irby, Richard Camp,

Mark DePaulo, Mary Hicks Heitzler, Wayne Millan, Rosemary Nichols, and David Smith.

Activities resumed in the afternoon with the preparation and delivery of **Easter baskets** for

Oak Grove residents (see page 1).

Sunday, Emmanuel parishioners and friends celebrated Holy Eucharist on a beautiful Easter morning including the decoration of our traditional Easter cross.

G2R Adult Bible Class Explores the Gospel According to Mark

G2R, Emmanuel's Adult Bible class, recently took up the study of the New Testament beginning with the Gospel According to Mark.

Mark is believed to be the first gospel written about 65 CE, followed by Matthew and Luke in 80 - 85 CE, and John about 95 CE.

The Gospels were based on the oral

traditions of the early Christian communities, as none of the Gospel writers were eyewitnesses to the stories about which they wrote. All wrote anonymously.

Mark wrote his Gospel during a period of increasing suffering for the early Christians under the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero. Rather than evangelizing,

Mark sought to engage people where they were with what they needed at that moment. He invoked divine empathy for the people by portraying Jesus as the suffering Son of God.

The class welcomes new participants - Sundays at 10 am. Class notes are also posted to our web site under G2R.

Lessons from South Africa



Upon our return from **the recent Chatham Hall service trip to South Africa**, someone asked me if I would ever go back. My answer was swift and certain - Yes, yes and more yes!

The people on the African continent are joyful, remarkably optimistic, and spiritually vital despite the political, economic, military and cultural uncertainty that seems to be everywhere

Christianity is growing faster

throughout Africa than any other place in the world. Unlike churches

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throughout Europe that, for the most part, are empty on Sunday mornings, churches in Africa must have multiple services each week to accommodate the crowds.

Even the little Anglican Church in Touwsriver, South Africa (a small town 3 hours west of Capetown) has two services each Sunday morning so everyone can attend.

I'm not sure why the church is growing so fast in Africa. I wish I did. But if I had to guess I'd say it has something to do with **how much sense Jesus' words make to them.**

“Blessed are the poor.”
 “Blessed are the mourners.”
 “Blessed are those who are persecuted”.

All this makes sense to people who have known little else since the middle of the 17th century; and all this makes sense to people

with a seemingly bottomless well of smiling, authentic good will.

The message of God's love for them is not one of which they must be convinced. It is part of their genetic code, and worship for them is as natural as breathing.

The churches do not have fancy programs or grand facilities. However, the people have hearts and souls in which God has taken up permanent residence and they love to let it show.

- David Smith



(Dr. Smith was one of six Chatham Hall faculty members accompanying this year's Chatham Hall students on their March service trip to South Africa.)

Prayer List

Pray for the sick and the shut-ins:

- * Allene Hunt
- * Juanita Willis
- * Nita and Frank Andrews
- * Catherine Overbey
- * Betty Whitehead
- * Dorothy Roop
- * Willie Frances Wyatt
- * Marvin Mullis
- * Lane Millner
- * Vic Millner
- * Aly Youssef
- * Betty Jean Bryant
- * Nancy Bumgarner
- * Alice Cromer
- * Karen Keesee
- * Scott David Reynolds



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.



Chatham Hall students visiting a small apostolic church in Touwsriver, South Africa during their Spring 2009 Service Trip.

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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 September issue is **August 15th**.



Emmanuel's Treasures

By Jeanne Reynolds

Among the many special memorials that have been given to Emmanuel, those that are used for baptisms keep alive the memories of **John Pride Hunt IV** and **Dr. Dewey Campbell Loving**.

Dr. Loving was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1931 and served Emmanuel from 1959 to 1968. His family and friends gave Emmanuel's Baptismal Candle Stand and **Silver Baptismal Bowl** in his memory.

Dr. Loving died suddenly while performing a marriage ceremony at Emmanuel.

John Pride Hunt IV is remembered by the **Silver Baptismal Shell**, which was given in his memory by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plaster and their daughter Susan.

Johnny Hunt was a faithful member of Emmanuel until he died in a tragic accident at the age of 18. He served Emmanuel as an acolyte and a crucifer.

Johnny was the son of Mrs. Allene Hunt and the late Jack Hunt and the older brother of Mollie Hunt Holmes, Sara Bess Briggs and Tred Hunt.

