

FROM THE RECTOR



PETER'S PENSE

Received a remarkable gift the other day. T'was a photo of earth and sky. Where the two met was a modest line which according to the author was the mainland.

What an astonishingly trivial thing "mainland" appeared to be lurking just at the horizon! Just the week before in Denver I had looked daily on the Rocky Mountains which are never inconsequential.

Even from a distance the mountains promise a lot. But the mainland from the sea, especially lowland mainland seems so, well, not much.

All of it depends of course on where we are standing. Or does it? After all, the mainland is more than marsh and weeds. Eventually it becomes the Piedmont, and then the Appalachian Chain and so on. Whether we see this or know it from where we stand does not change what the mainland is. If our vision is purely local, then all we see from off-shore is a measly line on the horizon. If our sight is larger we can experience the promise of much, much more, even as far and as high as Pike's Peak.

The Gift of the Spirit at Pentecost is an invitation from God to imagine and see much, much more: more of God, more of our neighbor, more of our surroundings including the ones we cannot see from where we stand.

Tragically sometimes we are too little, too late. We simply let the vision pass through our fingers. God calls us to a vision of what we cannot yet see, but which the Spirit can supply.

Peter+

FROM THE ASSISTANT'S DESK

Dear Ones,

Life is good! In the early weeks of May I attended my 20th high school reunion, I went to Duck, NC for a few days at the beach with my brothers, and I was on retreat for a week in Massachusetts where I slept, and ate, and prayed, and wrote my first icon. It has been a joyous few weeks!

Being on retreat is interesting. I am aware of living in two worlds. At the monastery there is no television. No NPR. No reports of what is going on in the world unless I seek out a newspaper. The setting and the quiet provide the space and opportunity to invite God deeper into my life. It gives me the chance to be still and listen, to savor the presence of God in the breeze which stirs the trees, the sunshine, the water flowing under the bridge at the old grist mill. And yet even in this cocoon, this spiritual womb, I am aware that the world continues as before. In this space of peace and tranquility I remind myself, we are still at war. As I sit at table for wonderful, balanced, and healthy meals, I remember that there are many in the world that go hungry. As I return "home" and unlock my hermitage, the thousands upon thousands of homeless people across our nation come to mind. It gets overwhelming sometimes. While we wouldn't wish for any of these realities, we don't do much about them. Because, let's face it, we just don't know what to do. How can one person bring peace to a war-torn world? How can one person find food for all that are hungry, much less feed them? What can

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REFLECTIONS FROM KAT BALLARD



During the past year, groundwork has been laid for an exciting change to come to the realm of Sunday School. A group of Emmanuelites has grappled with the "big questions"—what is the purpose of Sunday School? What do our kids need? How about the teachers? And the rest of the parish? From the discussions that ensued, we came up with a list of what we hope for in Sunday School, and set out to find a program that fit our criteria.

We explored several options, but when we discovered the Workshop Rotation Model, we knew we'd hit the jackpot. This new way of approaching Sunday School came into being about fourteen years ago in the Presbyterian church and takes its cue from the research on multiple intelligences. The idea is to teach Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly multi-media workshops that can include story-telling, puppetry, games, music, art, computers, drama, maps, audio-visual... the possibilities are many. The same story is taught in all of the workshops for 4-5 weeks, rotating the classes to a different workshop each week. Since the same idea is presented in a variety of ways, kids with different learning styles will all have a chance to learn in a way that works for them, and the repetition of the same concept taught over several weeks goes a long way toward memory retention and understanding. The result is a group of Bible-literate kids who are having a blast learning!

Not only is this method fun and enjoyable for the children, but it is also supremely teacher-friendly: a

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FROM STAFF AND PARISH



RECTOR MAKES STAFF APPOINTMENT

Father Courtney has appointed Mr. Scott Goodwin as Director of Music for Emmanuel Church. Scott has served Emmanuel for a number of years as Associate Organist and more recently as Interim Director of Music.

When Debbie Henson indicated that she would be moving to Alabama sometime in 2004, Father Courtney opened a nationwide search for her successor. Scott was one of the finalists in that search. Over a dozen applicants were screened during the process. At the completion of the search Father Courtney decided not to

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THE FACES OF EMMANUEL

Perhaps the most familiar verses in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians are from chapter 13, where he emphasizes that love is the most important of God's gifts. It is undoubtedly no coincidence that this enduring passage on love is preceded by a description of the church as being many parts but one body. I have heard it said many times that one of our greatest strengths at Emmanuel is our diversity, the many parts, and many faces to the one body of Emmanuel Church.

In December each year we review the various activities and ministries at Emmanuel Church through the Annual Report and the parish meeting. This year I would like to try to bring the annual report to life through pictures of the many parts, the many faces, of our parish. This is where I need your help—more specifically your pictures from different church activities in 2004. For those who regularly take photos at church events, I simply need to borrow your photos. But more than that, I need others to set down their coffee cups and pick up their cameras so that this photo essay can be complete. I need every day photos from staff meetings, Thrift House activities, Guild of St. Francis work-days, and the men's and women's Bible studies. I need photos from vestry meetings, retreats, Wednesday Night Suppers, committee meetings, and choir rehearsals. Then there are photos from fund-raisers, outreach activities, and the nursery. You get the picture! Now you GO GET the pictures! This photo essay will be shown during the brunch preceding the parish meeting in December. Here are the details:

- Replace the batteries in your camera and start taking pictures.
- Let me know as soon as possible that you plan to contribute.
- I would prefer digital pictures but can also use regular prints.
- You can send digital photos as e-mail attachments or copy onto zip disk / CD.
- Leave CD's / disks / prints for me in the church office, along with a note indicating whether you wish to have them returned.
- I'll turn everything over to the Archives Committee when I am done.
- I would prefer to receive your contributions a bit at a time rather than all at once!
- I will need to have everything by Thanksgiving.

Help us celebrate the many faces of Emmanuel Church!

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RECTOR MAKES APPOINTMENT

make the appointment immediately, but asked Scott to serve as an interim with the understanding that the position might become permanent.

Says Father Courtney, "It is hard for me to imagine that we could attract someone with Scott's record and skills given the part-time nature of this position. We are very fortunate to have him continue with us in this significantly expanded capacity."

Scott's first goals include computer indexing our substantial music library now encased in 7 filing cabinets and open stacks. His next goal is to formulate a plan and recruit an adult team to revitalize our children's music program.

*Enjoy the cool summer breezes,
meet newcomers, and visit old
friends over lemonade and
cookies on the terrace
after the 10:00 service.
If you are willing to be
a hosting family to
prepare and serve lemonade,
please call
Sherry Gaby at 543-7308.*



TO THE PARISH: A REQUEST

We have recently been advised of one of our people who is serving in harm's way in the middle East. There must be others. Please write or call the parish office with any names we could include specifically when we pray for our armed forces. This is an important ministry for any parish and we want to be part of it.

Peter+

YOU ARE INVITED



SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR NATURAL SPIRITUALITY

Beginning May 30, the Natural Spirituality Group will meet on Sunday at 11:30 (rather than at 12:30) at 540 Prince -- until the regular service schedule begins in September. On June 6 ONLY, we will not meet at all.

Agnes Parker

ATHENS LITTLE PLAYHOUSE

presents

its final two productions as a theatrical venue before the landlord takes away our lobby.
JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH runs May 28-30 and June 4-6. GILDED TURKEY, an original family comedy by the author of GET A CLUE, runs June 18-20 and 25-27. Please call (706) 208-1036 or email info@the-alps.org for more information.

Ralph Stephens

Walter and Gloria Sams are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Rebecca Sams to Sgt. Gary Dollman on April 7, 2004, in Christiansfeld, Denmark, in a civil ceremony. Sgt. Dollman is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, serving in the U.S. Army, but he will be going to a new duty station in Anchorage, Alaska, in June.

They would like to invite their Emmanuel family to attend the blessing of their civil marriage at the 10 a.m. service on June 27, 2004. Jenney hopes that since so many of you witnessed and shared her baptism as an infant, first communion as a little girl, and her confirmation as a teenager, you can attend the celebration of this latest milestone in her life. Cake and punch will be served in the Common Room following the church service.

JUNE 2004

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

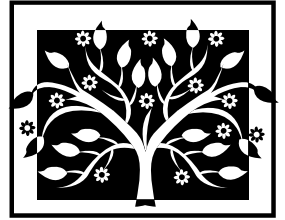
		<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Natural Spirituality</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 Healing Service with Holy Eucharist</p> <p>6-8:30 EYC Leaders' Meeting and Dinner</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30-11:00 VBS directors meet</p> <p>11:00-noon VBS station leaders meet</p> <p>7:00 Stephen Ministry</p>		
<p>6 PENTECOST I TRINITY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Emmanuel Episcopal Day School Camp</p> <p>11:00—12:30 Bible Study at 540 Prince Ave</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Emmanuel Episcopal Day School Camp</p> <p>10:00 Natural Spirituality</p>	<p>9</p> <p>EEDS Camp</p> <p>5:30 Healing Service with Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>10</p> <p>EEDS Camp</p>	<p>11</p> <p>EEDS Camp</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 PENTECOST II</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p> <p>Children's Sermon</p> <p>11:30 NS Journey Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>EEDS Camp</p> <p>11:00—12:30 Bible Study at 540 Prince Ave</p>	<p>15</p> <p>EEDS Camp</p> <p>10:00 Natural Spirituality</p> <p>5:00 June Tower Deadline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>EEDS Camp</p> <p>11:00 Eucharist at Arbor Terrace</p> <p>5:30 Healing Service with Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>17</p> <p>EEDS Camp</p> <p>11:00 Eucharist at Lanier Gardens</p> <p>1:00 DAR in Common Room</p> <p>7:00 Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>EEDS Camp</p> <p>5:00 Sultan/ Hornish Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00 Sultan/ Hornish Wedding</p>
<p>20 PENTECOST III</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite I</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p> <p>11:30 NS Journey Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:00—12:30 Bible Study at 540 Prince Ave</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Natural Spirituality</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30 Healing Service with Holy Eucharist</p> <p>7:00 Vestry Meeting</p>			
<p>27 PENTECOST IV</p> <p>8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I</p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II</p> <p>11:30 NS Journey Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00—12:30 Bible Study at 540 Prince Ave</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 Natural Spirituality</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30 Healing Service with Holy Eucharist</p>			



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Gaus, Claire
Hudson, Katherine Joyce (Joyce)
Krause, Duncan Charles (Duncan)
Reeves, Gregory Perry
Bennett, Thomas Jackson, IV (T.J.)
Krause, Kristen
Edens, Megan Wynne
Napoli, Mari Catherine
Gossett, Matthew Lundy | | Welch, Nancy Wood (Nancy)
Tonge, Trey |
| 2 | Herrin, Andrew Hassell (Andrew) | 17 | Grubb, Claire |
| 3 | Wahlers, James L. (Jim)
Gossett, David
Wells, Zoe Sarelyn | 18 | Roberts, Owen, IV (Shooter)
Anderson, Eric Brooks (Eric)
Moore, Timothy |
| 5 | Reeves, Sydney Elizabeth | 19 | Wildman, Sarah Birchmore
Terrell, John Henry, III (Johnny)
Jarrett, Andrew (Andy) |
| 6 | Woodruff, David
Moore, Claire
McKinney, John William (Will) | 20 | Bray, Lynn Peacock (Lynn) |
| 8 | Anderson, Jacqueline Fowler | 21 | Millican, William Thomas (Bill)
Midden, J. (Jerry)
Hawley, Todd Stevenson |
| 9 | Shinn, Cathi | 22 | Nickerson, Lauren |
| 10 | Vogt, John Leonard (John)
Thomas, Frances Taliaferro
Miller, Julie
Williams, Sofie Victoria | 23 | McCann, June
Matthews, Fred
Jacobson, Nancy Davies (Nancy)
Power, Amburn Huskins
Firth, Ian J. W.
Chastain, Sarah Louise
Maddox, Jacqueline Elizabeth (Beth) |
| 11 | Welch, Fay
Kemp, Jarrett Cole | 24 | Bowers, Jeanette Lamas |
| 12 | Berry, Lil
Clute, Robert (Bob)
Malcolm, Carol Ann | 25 | Allen, William Terry (Terry) |
| 13 | Blount, Kingsley Lanier
Fitzgerald, Catherine Demaris (Demi) | 26 | Coplin, Jeannette
Dodson, Linda
Rogers, Stuart Mitchael (Stuart)
Jarrett, Charles Henry (Charlie)
Childs, Jacob Robert (Jacob) |
| 14 | Lentz, Patricia Charlotte (Patsy)
Fisher, Sarah K. | 27 | Steedman, Lynn
Blount, Tucker
Ford, H.J. |
| 15 | Fletcher, William H. (Bill)
Hoyt, Katherine T. (Kay)
Hymo, Keren (Kay)
Ball, James Thomas (Thomas) | 28 | Becker, John S.
Cline, Wesley |
| 16 | Leathers, Deborah Kehaulani | 29 | Turner, George M. |
| | | 30 | Cavanagh, Susan Carlton
Odom, Alexander McLeod (Alex) |

FOR THE PARISH FAMILY



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CALENDAR:

- June 2:
 - 6-8:30 pm: EYC leaders end-of-the-year meeting and dinner
- June 3:
 - 9:30-11 am: VBS directors' meeting
 - 11 am-noon: VBS station leaders' meeting
- June 6:
 - 9 am: Workshop Rotation Model Informational Session in Common Room
 - 10 am service: Children's Chapel
 - 10 am service: Commissioning of the Missionaries (for the Diocesan Youth Mission Trip)
- June 7-17: Diocesan Youth Mission Trip to Ambato, Ecuador
- June 13:
 - 10 am service: Children's Sermon (no Children's Chapel)
- June 20:
 - 10 am service: Children's Chapel
- June 27:
 - 10 am service: Children's Chapel

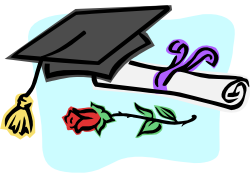
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KAT'S REFLECTIONS

teacher remains in the same workshop for one unit (4-5 weeks), teaching the same lesson each week to the different classes. This allows teachers to use their strengths (for example, music-lovers can teach in the music workshop), to practice (fine-tuning and improving each time they teach the lesson), and to avoid burn-out (after all, their commitment is only for 4-5 weeks!). And for those adults who love working with kids but could do without the planning of weekly Sunday School lessons, WoRM (the Workshop Rotation Model) calls for Shepherds, or adults who stay with one class for the entire year, traveling with the class to each workshop but not preparing or teaching the lesson. These are the relationship builders with the kids. If you've ever been to an Emmanuel Vacation Bible School, you'll recognize the similar organization, and I'm betting you can attest to how well it works.

Sound good? Want to learn more? Then I invite you to join me in the Common Room on Sunday, June 6th at 9 am to continue the discussion. This is a program that can encompass all of us, and so every parishioner is welcome. Nursery care will be provided. I hope to see you there!

Kat



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Emmanuel is blessed and proud to be sending forth seven high school graduates this year! Hannah Baker, Matthew Gossett, Amelia Howard, Mitchell Odom, Nicholas Pylant, Elizabeth Staines, and Jason Vogt are now moving forward to meet the next phase of their lives. At press time, a blessing of the seniors and their parents as well as a luncheon to honor their accomplishment is scheduled for May 16th. Please continue to uphold these young people and their parents in your prayers as they encounter the transitions, both subtle and drastic, of this monumental time! Learn more about our seniors below.

Kat Ballard



HANNAH BAKER is the daughter of Sara and Todd Baker. She will be graduating from Clarke Central High School and in the fall will move to Rome, GA to attend Berry College on an academic scholarship. Hannah has been active in school programs throughout high school, serving on the student government, participating in the art club, in drama, in the Latin Club, and in the Spanish Club. She earned a special merit award from the N.E. Georgia RESA and participated in the mathematics tournament. This summer she will be working at Project Reach for the third year. Hannah enjoys spending her time by reading, painting, and playing the violin, and when asked what she is most looking forward to about the next stage of her life, she cites independence.

AMELIA HOWARD is the daughter of Vince and Wren Howard. After graduating from Clarke Central High School, Amelia plans to attend Gainesville College. She has been active in church life in many ways, including EYC, Sunday School, and acolyting. Amelia was also a member of Emmanuel's first ever J2A pilgrimage. She took part in the diocesan youth mission trip to Montana, and she plans to participate in this year's mission trip to Ecuador. In her free time, Amelia practices photography. With regard to the next phase of her life, Amelia looks forward to meeting new people and to all the new experiences that lie ahead. Amelia would like to share her thanks to all of the people at Emmanuel for the support that they have shown for her.



MITCHELL ODOM is the son of Tom and Crysty Odom, and will be graduating from Oconee County High School. At present, he is making the decision to attend either Mercer University on scholarship or to attend UGA. Mitchell has participated in life at Emmanuel by acolyting for seven years. He has participated in school programs through the varsity baseball and basketball teams (for three years each), the Beta Club, the leadership council, and 21st century leaders of America. Mitchell was the 2003 Wendy's High School Heisman Oconee County male recipient as well as a 2003 Georgia Scholar. He enjoys spending his free time by going to the movies, supporting the UGA athletic programs, and playing baseball. When thinking about the next phase of his life, Mitchell looks forward to getting away from home and to living on his own. He would especially like to thank all of the people at Emmanuel for their support and kind words.

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ELIZABETH STAINES is the daughter of Betty and Jay Staines. She will graduate with honors from Oconee County High School and plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall. She has been active at Emmanuel in the past through EYC, and has taken part in school life through tennis, cheerleading, the Spanish club, and volleyball. In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys playing the piano and tennis, and in the next phase of her life she looks forward to making new friends and to learning as she grows into adulthood.



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ASSISTANT'S DESK

one person do to keep people from having to sleep on the street? I am only one person, and I have no answer to these questions. But there is hope. No one of us can effect a dramatic change in these areas on our own, but together we can do something.

A number of churches in Athens are banding together to fight homelessness in Athens. While there are a few shelters in town, none of them cater to families. And so the Interfaith Hospitality Network hopes to do just that—provide a safe place for families to stay together until they get back on their feet and move into a home of their own. Using a model in place in Augusta, thirteen churches will open their doors to these families for one week a quarter. During any given week, the host church will provide supper, conversation, and a place to sleep for up to fourteen people, using beds that are transported from church to church. During the day the guests return by van to the Day Center, where there are showers, and support services. Emmanuel is considering joining the list of host churches. Together we can help keep families from sleeping in their cars or on the street. Please join us for a special education offering on June 6th, after the 10 o'clock service, to hear more.

Grace and blessings,

Mo. Mandy+

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and Youth

Scott Goodwin
Director of Music

THE TOWER

The purpose of The Tower is to inform Emmanuel's members of who we are and what we do as a faith community. Members are encouraged to submit material they feel will both enlighten and inform others about Emmanuel's ministries. Submissions go directly to Melissa Fulcher in the office.

Blue Wood, Editor

*July deadline is Tuesday,
June 15, at 5:00 p.m.*

TRANSITIONS

Births

Davis Louise
daughter of
Rhodes and Temple McLanahan
granddaughter of
John and Penny McLanahan
8 April 2004

Vestry

Lee Albright
Butch Bush
Allison Clements
Laura Cofer,
Junior Warden
Lee Gaby,
Senior Warden
David Gossett
Debra Harden
David Kidd
Larry McLeod
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