

# **EMMANUEL CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2000**

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## **REPORT FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR**

Spending a liturgical year with a congregation gives one a good insight into the life of that community-in-Christ. I've had that opportunity and I offer these observations. Emmanuel Parish, while having a good many parish traditions, remains a congregation eager to learn and to embrace more and more of our rich heritage as Anglicans. As an example, singing parts of the liturgy during Advent and Christmas was a pure joy. Another example comes to mind from our observance together of the Lenten season. Although the numbers of people who came together on Fridays during Lent for the Stations of the Cross and a simple luncheon, were small those who participated were clearly moved by the experience.

The Maundy Thursday service was well attended and many people participated in the footwashing. In the years proceeding last year the Maundy Thursday rite was tied to a Seder meal and congregants were not offered the opportunity to do the footwashing. Easter at Emmanuel was glorious but with the usual bittersweet aspect of wondering where all the people who worshipped here on Easter are for the rest of the church year. Summer and the long season after Pentecost saw us shift to two Sunday services. As your interim (whose opinions now mean nothing) I say to you to please consider a modification in your Sunday morning schedule which would include a move to two services and an adequate Christian hour for persons of all ages. I truly believe this would enrich your life together.

Thank you for these past fifteen months together. Mary and I treasure the friendships we've made. Emmanuel's future is bright, I believe, under the lordship of Jesus Christ and the leadership of his priest, Peter Courtney and your many fine lay readers. God bless and keep you all.

Newell +  
The Reverend Wells Newell

## **REPORT FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN**

It is only appropriate to begin this report with a prayer of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for the wisdom and counsel of Newell Graham. Thanksgiving for clergy and staff who have done much more than their jobs required. Thanksgiving for a vestry that has pulled together to form a thoughtful and spiritually aware leadership team. Thanksgiving for a Nominating Committee that has worked hard, prayed hard, and done everything it could possibly do for the parish. Thanksgiving for all those of you who have made this a living church by giving of your time and substance. I can think of more reasons to be thankful, and I am confident you, too, can add to the list. Please do so. Thanks be to God!

We have more than just survived the interim period. The parish is in good shape. The ministries we support are alive and well. While you read about them in this report, think about them as opportunities. Opportunities for you to become involved. How? Mention your interest to a vestry member, or to Peter, or one of the other clergy. I can assure you, you will not be rejected.

Here is an example. During the past year several people in the parish attended a workshop for youth leaders at Camp Kanuga. They are now active and enthusiastic leaders in Emmanuel's EYC. Obviously, the EYC is stronger because of their presence. We need people. We need Sunday School teachers, people to cook on Wednesday nights, people to work in the Emmanuel Thrift House, people to help the St. Francis Guild make our grounds beautiful, and people to pray for our clergy, our parish, and our community.

We need your continued financial support. We are still behind in the collection of your pledge dollars for the current year. If you have not already received it, you will shortly receive a statement of where you stand with regard to your personal pledge for this year. Please look closely and act accordingly.

Emmanuel is beginning anew. We have a new rector, a new vestry, and new opportunities. It is a good time for optimism and action.

Robert Wood  
Senior Warden

## **STEWARDSHIP**

The Stewardship committee, consisting of Clay Gilbert, Lisa Yarn, and Andy Simmonds, began its organizational work for stewardship in January. The theme of "Stewardship - more than money" was enhanced by asking parishioners to submit in writing names of those who give of their time and talent to Emmanuel. As time and space permitted a number of parishioners have been recognized in the Tower. This helps inform us about the wonderful outreach made by the members of Emmanuel and makes "stewardship - more than money" a reality.

A previous General Convention affirmed that stewardship is the main work of the church. To address this, eight members of the vestry attended Leaving A Legacy workshop in Atlanta and your entire vestry committed to a five-hour workshop in Athens led by Angie Emerson, a member of the Diocesan Stewardship Commission. We all became better informed and able to take on a greater role for stewardship at Emmanuel. In July each vestry member was asked to form a team of four members of the parish to assist in the annual pledge drive by making reminder calls. These eighty-one members directly assisted in the effort that was made for the 2001 budget. In addition, seven vestry members accompanied by Mandy Brady attended the Stewardship Is Year Round workshop in Atlanta in September, so more of the vestry would have the opportunity to develop leadership skills for stewardship.

The month of October was again committed to efforts for raising our consciousness about the treasure portion of stewardship. Our clergy actively preached stewardship, and members of the vestry gave a stewardship witness at every Sunday service. The deadline for 2001 pledges was November 5, and I personally want to thank the 160 pledging units who met this deadline. Reminder calls from the laity helped increase this number, and at the time of this writing, November 30, we have 259 units who have pledged \$468,679.44 Of these, 29 are new pledging units, and 109 units have increased their pledges. A review of the chart below will present a comparison of what must still be accomplished, so the vestry can continue to fund the programs we

currently offer at Emmanuel.

## EMMANUEL CHURCH ANNUAL PLEDGE BREAKDOWN ANALYSIS FOR 2000

Pledge Range, Number of Pledging Units, Total Pledged in Range

\$ 0001.00 to \$ 00499.99,	60,	\$ 16,406.00
\$ 0500.00 to \$ 00999.99,	63,	\$ 40,494.00
\$ 1,000.00 to \$ 1,499.99,	58,	\$ 68,526.72
\$ 1,500.00 to \$ 1,999.99,	38,	\$ 63,748.00
\$ 2,000.00 to \$ 2,499.99,	21,	\$ 45,100.00
\$ 2,500.00 to \$ 2,999.99,	15,	\$ 39,424.00
\$ 3,000.00 to \$ 3,499.99,	10,	\$ 30,620.00
\$ 3,500.00 to \$ 3,999.99,	10,	\$ 37,280.00
\$ 4,000.00 to \$ 4,499.99,	11,	\$ 46,780.00
\$ 4,500.00 to \$ 4,999.99,	03,	\$ 14,400.00
\$ 5,000.00 to \$ 5,499.99,	04,	\$ 20,400.00
\$ 5,500.00 to \$ 5,999.99,	01,	\$ 5,700.00
\$ 6,000.00 to \$ 6,499.99,	03,	\$ 18,000.00
\$ 6,500.00 and over.....,	09,	\$ 77,900.00

Totals 306 \$524,778.72

New Pledging Units 55

Repeat Pledging Units 251

Total Pledging Units 306

Total Amount Pledged for 2000 \$524,778.72

Giving Units Not Pledging 125

Two aspects of our giving remain a challenge. The first is the reality that as a parish we fall behind in paying our pledges in the fall, causing great alarm and discomfort for the members of the vestry. Secondly, we have great difficulty in making our pledges in a timely manner, so that as the vestry plans the budget for the upcoming year, it can fulfill its "responsibility of the wise and generous use and return of the gifts to our Master" as is written in our Stewardship Statement.

I feel confident that, as we are made aware of the challenge set before us, we will rise to this challenge and prevent deficit spending in the year 2000. At the same time we must commit to the level necessary to move forward in our mission as our new rector, Father Courtney, joins us.

Andy Simmonds

### **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY**

The work of the Parish Life Ministry includes all the programs which serve the larger

community of Emmanuel Church. It comprises Education and Programs, Special Groups, Hospitality, Koinonia, Pastoral Care and Worship.

This committee once again has worked very hard and diligently over the past year to serve and promote programs for all parishioners. Many willing and dedicated people have gone above and beyond for the good of the parish and always with a smile.

We began the year with the Advent Tea hosted by the First Grade Sunday School class and their parents. The turnout was far greater than we expected but to our delight. The first graders greeted all the guests at the door saying "Welcome to the Advent Tea and may I show you to your table". They were absolutely adorable and so proud of their efforts. The parents did an outstanding job preparing and presenting the food. The servers for the afternoon had a great time and well as served with grace and kindness. The Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch was the next very successful event. We had a very large turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy the morning and the food. The Parish Life Committee feels that this format worked very well and plan to continue with this becoming a tradition.

The 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service with the new props was beautiful. The service participants were so adorable with their costumes and their smiles. A big and hearty thank you to all the persons that helped coordinate the props, the costumes, the birthday party, and the children. This was a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season.

This committee along with the help of many other parishioners helped to coordinate the reception honoring Sonny and Jane Roberts. Thanks to Suzanne Bennett for suggesting such a lovely event and to Mandy Brady, Peggy Allen and Janie Bush for making the event materialize. This committee would like for more things to happen at Emmanuel honoring parishioners that have given so much over the years.

The Chili Supper and Hoe Down was the next successful event. We had delicious chili, cornbread and desserts. The square dance caller was from Winder and they did a great job.

During the 2000 year, Emmanuel hosted several very successful Blood Drives coordinated by Betty Ahearn in the Common Room. Thank you Betty for always pulling these together and somehow managing everything!

On Sunday, February 6th we hosted a reception honoring Sean Ferrell. This reception followed the 11:15 a.m. service in which Sean celebrated.

February 13th was the first dramatization of the gospel reading by the youth of the church. Mandy Brady and Ralph Stephens coordinated this reading and it was wonderful. This was a great way to include both the youth and the parishioners in the gospel reading. The youth band also performed on this day under the direction of Paul Anderson.

In May our youth participated in the Relay for Life event and raised a great deal of money with much help from parishioners and parents. We look forward to helping them again in 2001.

This year for the first time, Emmanuel celebrated "All Soul's Day. Jerry Pope along with Agnes Parker, Betty Ahearn and Newell Graham coordinated this special service honoring all those who have died since the last All Saint's Day. The service was very special and all guests were treated to a light luncheon after the service.

On Sunday, November 26th, we bid a fond farewell to Newell and Mary Graham with a

reception in the Common Room. Newell and Mary were very touched and honored by the parishioners of Emmanuel. We will miss them both but wish them a wonderful retirement.

These are only a sampling of the events that this committee has helped coordinate over the past year. The committee coordinated the Seder, parish picnic, rededication of the stain glass window, the cooking teams, and the welcoming events for Peter Courtney and Debby Perry. As you can see the members of this committee are a very dedicated group of parishioners that want to offer programs that will attract each and every member of this church. We welcome new members at any time and also welcome suggestions of things that you would like to see happen in the church. We are here for you. Please let us know your thoughts, ideas, dreams. The energy on this committee is very contagious!! Please join us!

Debra Lassiter, Chairman  
Parish Life Committee

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS**

Christian Formation for Adults Spring 2000

We finished out the '99-'00 program year well, with an average attendance of twenty-five to forty adults attending our Sunday morning offerings. A schedule of those classes offered is below.

Common Room Parlor Christian Parenting

Epiphany Term The Gospel According to Mark Listening For God: Theology in Contemporary Literature Family: The Forming Center

Lenten Term The Practice of Prayer The Liturgies of Holy Week A Parent's Guide to Prayer

Easter Term What Kind of Messiah are You Looking For? (Please join one of the other classes.) Theology in the Movies: The Lion King

Christian Formation for Adults Fall 2000

The Adult Christian Formation committee has done a terrific job of putting together an exciting and stimulating set of courses for the '00-'01 program year. Our fervent hope is that each member of the Emmanuel community will find classes that interest them and pique their curiosity, and that we will have to put out more chairs to accommodate everyone! Come and be a part of it! Please find a schedule of topics below.

Rector's Forum Contemporary Christian Living Bible Study

Sept 24 - Oct 29 The Basics-Being a Christian in the Episcopal Tradition. (Serves as preparation for Confirmation or Reception) Theology in the Movies:

Liar, Liar

Contact

Pleasantville

The Matrix OT101: the OT portion of the Kerygma program "Discovering the Bible."

Nov 5 -

Dec 17 The Basics continued... Finding the Holy in the Holidays OT101 continued...

Confirmation Preparation: This year preparation of adults for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation occurs in the context of the Rector's Forum, which meets on Sunday mornings at 10:15 in the Common Room. This gathering covers basics of Christian faith and the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, and is a good class to join if one needs to brush up on basics.

Contemporary Christian Living: This class evolved from the Active Christian Parenting class of years past. Our hope is to cover topics that relate to our lives as members of the Christian community in our contemporary society. In keeping with the class's previous history, some of the topics relate to family life, while others explore aspects of contemporary society.

OT101: In the past year several people expressed an interest in Bible Study. In response this year we have a class based on "Discovering the Bible," which is published by Kerygma. OT101 offers a fifteen week overview of the Old Testament. This is a new undertaking for Emmanuel. Because the material covered is cumulative, the enrollment for the class is open for the first three weeks. After the third week enrollment is closed, so the continuing class consists of individuals who have committed themselves to the class for the fifteen week period of study. I am pleased to report that over twenty-five people have chosen to participate in this class! We hope to offer NT101 in the spring.

Special Events: The Rev. John Stone Jenkins was with us on October 1st and 2nd for a series in memory of Fr. Franklin Ferguson. Fr. Jenkins developed the Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) program which is administered by the University of the South at Sewanee. Fr. Jenkins shared stories and reflections from his ministry and faith journey during the Sunday services as well as Sunday and Monday evening. There was also a men's breakfast and a ladies' luncheon during the day on Monday.

There are also opportunities for study and growth during the week:

Baptismal Preparation for Parents and Sponsors of Minor Candidates - This time of preparation for the parents and godparents of infant and young candidates for baptism usually occurs on the Thursday evening prior to the baptism. It is a time to reflect on the theology of baptism, what baptism has meant in the lives of the parents and godparents and how we hope to support the candidates in understanding and growing into their own sense of baptism. Young children to be baptized also receive baptismal instruction at this time.

Body, Mind and Spirit is a group for women which meets on Thursday mornings at

9:30. This group has taken a sabbatical semester in the fall of 2000, but will reconvene in the spring. The group is open to all women in the parish and community.

EFM-Education For Ministry is a four year course of study administered by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee. The course is designed to do what its title implies-members of the group are educated and equipped to discern and engage in ministry in the world through study of the Old and New Testament Scripture, Church History, Theology and reflection on their own faith journeys. There are currently two EFM courses meeting at Emmanuel: one on Tuesday morning, and one on Wednesday morning.

Other adult formation opportunities include the Natural Spirituality seminars and the ongoing Journey Group.

The members of the Committee for Adult Christian Formation include Ms. Sara Baker, Mo. Mandy Brady, Ms. Cindy McAlister, Mr. Tom McDonald, Ms. Catherine Ross, Ms. Janice Rusk and Mr. Andy Simmonds. Please join me in expressing thanks to these individuals for their creative energy and hard work on behalf of the parish.

Mother Mandy+

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Through the dedication and hard work of many parishioners, the Children's Christian Education program and EYC continues to thrive.

### Children's Christian Education

This year's Children's Christian Education Committee members are Mandy Brady+, Jan Wheeler, Cindy Morrow, Cindy McAlister, Ralph Stephens, Frances Gibson, Nathaniel Parker, Maggie Reinberger, Barbara Maddox and Sarah Fisher. This committee, comprised of clergy, vestry, staff and lay people, works to oversee children's Christian education in the many forms it takes at Emmanuel.

There are a variety of educational offerings:

#### 9 O'Clock Service Offerings:

For very young children, the nursery is open for children, from infants to age 2. Our nursery is run by three paid employees who love working with young children.

3-5 year olds can attend Children's Chapel during the service. Chapel is held on the second floor of the Christian Connection. The children have their own service, complete with children as acolytes and ushers. They say prayers and sing songs. They take up an offering, which goes to help children in Haiti. They also take a collection of canned goods for the local food bank.

1st graders through 4th graders are welcome in Children's Liturgy, which is held in the parlor. Like Children's Chapel. Children's Liturgy has its own service, although changes

were made to Liturgy this year. The children usually practice the recessional hymn, as well as say prayers. They too take up both a money offering and one of canned goods. In Liturgy, they read "The Sunday Paper Junior" which is a cartoon style, lectionary based, newspaper that highlights the message in the Gospel. It encourages thought and discussion. Unlike years past, where children begin church in the parlor, they now are in church at the beginning of the service. The children are invited to stay with their parents at the beginning of worship. With this change, they can sing the Processional hymn and hear Scripture. The Children's Christian Education Committee, made the recommendation for this change and it was supported by the clergy and staff. We are hopeful that even though children don't always fully understand the meaning of Scripture, they will begin to grasp the importance of hearing the word. We also hope that both parents and children will enjoy a little extra time together in worship. Children from Liturgy and Chapel join their parents in church at the Peace.

#### Christian Education Hour:

The nursery is open for infants through age 2.

This year's curriculum for the 3-4 year olds will be Group's Hands On Bible Curriculum. This is an interactive curriculum that is based on the idea that children learn 10% by listening and 90% by doing. Children are treated to a weekly puppet show with Whisker's the mouse, simple crafts and a Bible Story. This fall, the Bible Story's covered will be Joseph and his brothers and David and Goliath. Weekly lessons build on each other, so that children have several weeks to absorb the material.

The Kindergarten through the 7th grade will again use the Episcopal Children's Curriculum. This curriculum uses a wide variety of resources, and is created to help children understand both Bible stories and the traditions of the church. Your children will often bring home either newspaper style lessons, booklets on the subject they are studying or take home cards to continue teaching at home.

The 8th graders will be using a variety of curricula as they learn about Confirmation. The curriculum, along with meeting with a mentor, is designed to help your child decide whether she or he wants to be Confirmed.

The 9th-12th graders meet in the youth house. They use a variety of curricula, some Bible based, some based on talking about current issues. While they have fewer take home materials, the high school aged curricula are designed to encourage group discussion.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of Sunday School teachers, ranging from college students to retired school teachers and every age in between. Children are being given a wide pool of resources to learn from as they grow in their faith and spirituality.

#### Vacation Bible School:

This year, Cindy McAlister and Jackie Anderson oversaw all of VBS. The theme was The Outback: Hope and Glory in Jesus, Jesus in You. VBS was well attended and had a tremendous amount of support from both adult and youth volunteers. It's important to note that this program was run almost exclusively by volunteers.

#### Christmas Pageant:

Planning for the annual Christmas pageant is underway! This pageant, which is the Christmas story, is told by Emmanuel children and youth. Traditionally, it is one of the highlights of the year and includes the entire congregation singing Christmas hymns throughout the pageant.

#### Operation Christmas Child:

Cathy Cofer and Robin Hoag are overseeing Operation Christmas Child, an outreach ministry to children around the world. Sunday School classes gather the boxes and fill them with toys, school supplies and hygiene items. They are then sent to children who need them in many parts of the world. Children participating in this project are directly involved in the ministry and begin to understand the importance of outreach.

#### EYC

The EYC continues to be an important outreach in the spiritual formation of our youth. While there is currently no youth director on staff, there is strong leadership of volunteers and support from clergy and staff. EYC is now split into 3 distinct, age appropriate groups. They are grades 6-7 (the SPAMers) led by Vince Howard and Jessica Kappler; 8-9 grades (the 89ers) led by Ralph Stephens and 10-12 grades (Sr. High) led by Duncan Krause and Robin Bewley. While the groups come together to eat, we try to keep programming separate and age appropriate. Since the change was made in September, it is going well. Mother Mandy is present with the EYC at least once a month and helps in planning and is present for special functions, such as retreats. I am present on a weekly basis and for planning and for retreats.

Some highlights from this year include a fall retreat to Camp Mikell and our fall kickoff, which was attended by over 40 youth and their parents.

The 6-7th graders have had a day trip to the lake, programs on the Labyrinth, done with St. Gregory's youth and have also welcomed the 5th graders on a monthly basis for fun and games.

The 8-9th graders have also had a day trip to the lake, special guest speakers from FCA, and attended the Leadership Reaction Course, a day team building experience, including repelling and ropes course elements.

The 10-12th graders have attended the Leadership Reaction course and have had guest speakers on personality.

#### Parents of Youth:

The Parents of Youth group (POY) is now calling itself Parents Surviving Adolescence (PSA). It meets monthly and is led by LaBau Bryan. PSA covers topics and issues facing youth and parents.

Both Children's Christian Education and EYC are wonderful ministries to children and youth, led by spirit-filled, creative, bright, energetic volunteers. We are blessed to have so many gifts!

Sarah K. Fisher

Interim Director of Children's Christian Education

## **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM)**

Two Education for Ministry (EFM) groups met weekly during 2000 except for the months of June, July and August. A total of twenty participants met on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the Meeting House from 9:00 a.m. to noon to study Scripture, church history, modern theology and issues which face contemporary Christianity. Through his/her work during the four year course, developed and administered by the School of Theology at Sewanee, each participant seeks to understand his/her call to ministry by virtue of baptism. George and Betsy Turner co-mentored the Tuesday group and Jim McGown mentored the Wednesday group. We graduated four students from the Wednesday group: Jill Jayne Read, Rebecca McCarthy, Ann Darby and Conoly Hester. Certificates will be awarded in January. The Rev. Mandy Brady serves as chaplain and staff liaison for the EFM classes.

Jim McGown

## **PASTORAL CARE**

One of Emmanuel's strengths is the way the community rallies when a member of our family is in times of distress or illness. In a parish the size of Emmanuel there is much that needs to be done, as well as many willing and capable hands to share in the work. There are several ministries in the parish which assist the clergy in meeting the needs of the members of the Emmanuel family. These ministries include Agape Meals (Ms. Gayla Nickerson), Charioteers (Ms. Ann Scoggins), Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Ms. Myra Blackmon), and Stephen Ministry (Ms. Krista Gridley and Ms. Pat Hall). Many thanks to the leaders and members of these ministries for being willing to serve as partners with the clergy of this parish as we seek to bring God's presence to those who are ill, homebound, or in distress, and for their hard work and dedication which make this partnership a reality.

Mother Mandy+

## **NATURAL SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM**

Begun in 1991, this program provides parishioners with an effective context for spiritual inner work, with a focus on dream work. Following St. Paul, the natural spirituality framework recognizes as Christ the healing, guiding, and teaching Spirit that resides at the heart of unfolding life, both within us as individuals and in the physical world around us.

The Natural Spirituality Program has two parts: An introductory Study Group and an ongoing Journey Group. The Study Group is offered once or twice a year. This class,

which meets one night a week for 8 weeks, presents the basic spiritual tools of Jungian psychology. The second part of the program, the Journey Group, is made up of those graduates of the Study Group who wish to put theory into practice in company with others. The members of the Journey Group help each other understand their dreams and meaningful life events as sources of healing and guidance in their journey with God. This group meets 7:00-9:30 every Wednesday night, year around. There are currently around thirty regular members.

In 2000 there were two introductory Study Groups, attended by 29 participants in all. The Journey Group continued to be strong and well attended. With private donations and Williams-Rhodes funding we were able to add new books and tapes to the Natural Spirituality Library in the Meeting House, an important and rich resource open to all members of the parish.

In the past year, the members of the Journey Group wrote and produced Emmanuel's Advent and Lent meditation booklets, based on the daily lectionary. For the longer Lenten booklet, they solicited help with the writing from other spirituality groups in the parish. 1000 copies of each booklet were printed for distribution to the parish and beyond.

2000 saw the continuing spread of our pilot Natural Spirituality Program to other churches. There are now thirteen programs underway, and more in the planning stages, in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, and Kansas. Anyone interested in finding out more about Natural Spirituality by participating in the next introductory Study Group at Emmanuel may give his or her name and address to the church office to receive information about the next class. Or contact one of the Natural Spirituality leaders: Agnes Parker (h)742-2530; Heidi Simmonds (h)353-3422; Frank Farrar (h)743-8311; Joyce Hudson (h)789-3329.

Joyce Hudson

## **MUSIC PROGRAM**

The music program of Emmanuel offers a graded program for ages four through adults. We currently have five choirs: Parish, Family, Treble, Junior, and children. The Choirs provide music for the 9:00 and 11:15 services and combine for Easter, Christmas and other special services. Each choir holds a weekly rehearsal. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome. No audition is required.

The Parish and Family Choirs are currently seeking funding to replace our 25 year old vestments.

Debbie Henson

## **ALTAR GUILD**

In 1999-00 the Guild had 61 members of which 6 were new this year. The service period for the monthly teams is from the Saturday before the first Sunday through the

Friday before the next first Sunday. All services occurring during a given month are covered by the team. From time to time as needed, extra volunteers are recruited. Christmas and Easter usually have supplemental volunteers.

Brass polishing is scheduled before both major feast days. All parishioners are encouraged to come. See The Tower or the bulletin for the specific date.

Supplies for the altar including candles, wine, wafers and linens are ordered as needed by the Chairman. The wine, wafers and candles are included in the budget of the Church. Cleaning supplies, replacement linens and communion vestments, flowers and flower arranging supplies are paid for by the Altar Guild drawing on designated Endowment income and donations.

The Flower Committee is a subcommittee of the Altar Guild. The twenty-four members work monthly shifts corresponding with those of the Guild. Flowers for regular services are funded by memorial donations as well as several bequests. Wedding flowers are provided by the bride or groom, but are always arranged by the Flower Committee. For more information on the Altar Guild or to volunteer, please contact the Chairman, Sylvia Gibson (Mrs. Robert E.), at 546-8064. New members are always welcome.

Sylvia M. Gibson  
Altar Guild Chairman

## **THE GUILD OF SAINT FRANCIS**

Founded in 1972, this dedicated group has been the sole managers of a great deal of Emmanuel's properties.

This year has been a busy one completing the plantings around the Common Room, improving the All Saints Terrace area, and very recently, completing the blue stone terrace adjacent to the bell tower.

The new terrace was funded by Jack and Patti Curtis in memory of their mothers. The faithful Thrift House accepted the expense of labor. This new spot promises to be pleasure for all of us for years to come.

Partial support for St. Francis comes from fall and spring plant sales. The Thrift House has been so generous to help cover labor and plant material expenses.

Please remember the grounds of Emmanuel when you would like to offer a memorial. There is no better place to enhance our church. To all the parish, we express our gratitude for your continued, loyal support.

## **SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

Spiritual Autobiography is a group coordinated by America Abbott that meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:00 pm to share autobiographical stories with one another. Those who participate in the on going group find that this discipline fills a spiritual need that nothing else can.

An introductory autobiography class will be offered when a minimum of eight persons commit themselves to meeting for two hours each week for eight weeks. During these sessions, we come to know one another very well, and for that reason we agree that the stories we share must remain confidential. The course plan follows one set down by

Dan Wakefield in his book, *The Story of Your Life*. Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, said that Wakefield's book "introduces us to a wonderful technique for making religion relevant."

America Abbott

## **THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion. The Brotherhood was formed to reach out and minister to men following the example of Andrew in bringing his brother Peter to meet Jesus when he learned He was the Christ. The purposes of the Brotherhood are to draw men and boys nearer to God and to serve the church to the best of our abilities, and to study the Bible and other proper books on Christianity in order to deepen our knowledge of our relationship to God and our fellow man. The Brotherhood is a study and service organization.

## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Founded in 1885 as an outgrowth of a women's bible study class, The Order of the Daughters of the King is focused on "prayer, service and the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among women and girls." There are approximately 18,000 members in the US, more in Province IV (the Southeast) than any other. About 6 to 8 new chapters are instituted each year in this diocese. There are more than 1,000 Daughters in Uganda, and chapters in Brazil, Cuba, Guatemala and Haiti.

Nationally the Order meets triennially before General Convention to pray for the Church and the conventions decisions (as Denver last June). The Provincial assembly meets every October at Kanuga.

The Diocesan Assembly sponsors quiet days and teaching opportunities each year, an annual meeting at the Cathedral (February 17, 2001) and a retreat weekend at Camp Mikell in April. This year the dates are April 27-29, and our leader will be the Rev. Paul Elliot, St. Michael and All Angels, Stone Mountain. On March 31 there will be a Quiet Day at St. Catherine's, Marietta.

For many years a few of us have met Fridays at 11:00 a.m. to pray for the concerns of the church and individuals in need. We also meet as needed to train new members or simply to support each other.

Everyone is welcome to join us on our journey to deeper awareness of God's leading in our lives.

Kay Hoyt

## **BAPTISMAL BANNER COMMITTEE**

The Baptismal Banner Committee creates the banners given to each newly baptized person at Emmanuel. Our first banners were presented at the baptisms on December 27, 1998.

Members of our committee: Betty Ahearn, Ann Bretscher, Jean Hunnicutt, Patti Jones,

Cindy McAlister, Darris Plumb, Gene Weeks, and JoAnn Yates.

Our committee meets the first Thursday of each month. We cut, sew, and glue in order to assemble banners that are presented to those being baptized. We presented 33 banners in 1999 and 23 banners as of November 19, 2000.

We hope the banner will be hung in the home of the newly baptized person and remind them and their family of when they were sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

## **WEDDING COMMITTEE**

The members of the Wedding Committee meet with the bride to plan details of the wedding ceremony/sacrament. We assist the priest in directing the rehearsal, and we assist with the mechanics of the wedding on the day of the ceremony.

Committee Members are Patti Curtis, Jean Hunnicutt, Ann Joye McLeod, Gene Weeks and JoAnn Yates.

In the year 2000 our committee will have assisted our priests with eleven services of the Celebration of Blessing of a Marriage. Our job description is to meet with each bride several times to make certain there will be an organized, and relaxed rehearsal. We communicate with the Flower and Altar Guilds and with Cindy Morrow when acolytes are needed. Arriving about one hour before the ceremony, the director ensures that the wedding goes smoothly before, during and after the ceremony. This is our volunteer commitment to assist our priests and our parish in making weddings at Emmanuel an important and meaningful sacrament.

## **HOLY COOKERS**

Approximately forty-five great Episcopalians prepare the Wednesday evening family dinners. This is no small task for these dedicated volunteers. After they have established a menu and analyzed the cost to keep the price affordable for all our parishioners, the hard work begins. Purchasing, loading, unloading, chopping, mixing, cooking, heating, chilling, lifting and even more comprise the dinner preparation chores. Always, there is a great deal of conversation and camaraderie, which makes it a pretty pleasant time for all.

The teams are developing some marvelous skills and are willing and cooperative in getting the dinner prepared. Our parish owes this selfless group a special amount of gratitude. They are truly remarkable!

## **EMMANUEL SUPER'LITES**

The Super'lites have had an interesting year. We have visited local Athens sites and had a couple of road trips. December 1999, Mother Mandy shared with us her visit to Bethlehem with many pictures and their "local dress". She gave to each person attending a cross carved from olive wood. January, was party time, an Epiphany Party at the home of Baba Dupree. February, we toured Whitehall Mansion, lots of beautiful original woodwork. March, many of us enjoyed lunch at the Botanical Garden. April, was Historic Athens, we toured historic and antebellum sites with Mrs. Charlotte

Marshall as our guide. A donation was made to Oconee Hill Cemetery in her honor. May, was a van trip to Andersonville Museum, prison site and cemetery. We were impressed with the museum and preservation of the site. We had a wonderful barbecue/picnic in June at the home of Joann and Harry Yates. September, we had lunch in the Common Room and Bob Wood, senior warden, got us up to speed on our search for a rector. October, was bus trip to the mountains to view the fall foliage, it was spectacular! We had lunch at Brasstown Valley Resort and celebrated Balfour Hunnicutt's birthday - what a wonderful day! November, Father Graham shared with us his ministry as Chaplain to the Circus. Not all of our time is fun and feasting, we gave the coffee maker in the kitchen. We encourage all Super'lites (senior adults) to join us for fun and fellowship.

Last but not least, heartfelt thanks to the producers of our program announcements; Karen Holland and Melissa Fulcher.

Betty C. Ahearn, Chairman

## **FOYERS**

The French word "foyer" means a hearth or fireside, suggesting a small group, relaxed and open to one another. Groups of eight to ten people are formed, and each Foyer meets in the homes of members once a month for a simple meal and relaxed conversation. New friends are made of those who may have been just names or faces in the congregation. The Foyers are regrouped twice a year, in September and January.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

"If you love me, feed my sheep," from John's gospel. "Just as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to me," from Matthew. With intent to be guided by these words of Jesus, the Outreach Committee has met monthly from February through November. Continuing members this year are June Ball, Mary Compton, Barbara Coplin, Ann Darby, Carol Downs, LaGrange Dupree, Susan Galis, Charlotte Leedy, and Janice Rusk. Brad Adams moved away; Penny McLanahan and Nick Nickerson retired; Gillian Ball and Jane Bowen signed on. Mandy Brady remains our helpful clergy representative.

The committee is pleased to have been authorized to recommend disbursements from the Bloomfield Fund, a trust designated for "the sick and crippled children of Clarke County." Use of the fund, though limited this year because of the geographic restriction, is expected to grow significantly. The 2000 Missions and Outreach budget allocation was set at \$34,976, up slightly from \$33,700 in 1999 but still down from the 1998 high of \$36,240. Requests recommended to the Vestry are:

American Red Cross: 1,120.

Buy four automatic defibrillator and trainers  
to instruct volunteers in their use

The Ark: 12,500.\*\*

Collaborate with other churches in providing emergency assistance with basic needs to those who can verify eligibility

Athens Area Homeless Shelter: 1,500.

Help with remodeling to accommodate single parent families for long term care

Athens Child Development: 500.

Provide quality care for children six weeks to three years in Rocksprings and Broadacres homes locations

The Very Reverend Samson Babalola: 1,000.

Support many and varied ministries through The Anglican Cathedral in Nigeria

Children's Medical Services:

(1) Build ramp for wheelchair bound child 375.

(2) Help fund accessible bathroom for totally disabled 14 year old 1,650.

Court Appointed Special Advocates: 2,000.

Training volunteers as advocates for abused/neglected children in the juvenile court system

Haitian Refugee Relief: 5,000.

Support Fr. Bruno's ministry to disenfranchised Haitians in the Dominican Republic

Hands-on-Athens: 1,000.

Collaborate with Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation to repair homes of elderly or disabled low income homeowners in nearby Hancock Corridor

Jerusalem 2000: 1,000.

Help revitalize outreach ministries of the Anglican Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

Mission Trip to Ecuador: 1,000.

Enable Mandy Brady to travel as chaplain to adults and youth on trip to our companion diocese

Moore's Ford Memorial Committee: 1,000.

Fund scholarship for Athens area high school graduating senior with commitment to social justice and racial reconciliation

Nancy Travis House: 1,500.

Help provide summer care for children experiencing homelessness

ReDistribution Alternative: 2,500.

Local ministry furnishes broad range of services to all persons in need and advocates a lifestyle of compassion for people and planet

St. Francis Church, Camilla: 1,000.

Assist with relief to victims of devastating

tornadoes in south Georgia  
Summer Opportunities Program 2000: 2,000.  
Partial funding for program to prepare rising  
ninth graders at risk for dropout to claim the  
personal benefits of completing high school  
Thanksgiving Dinner: 500.  
Cover miscellaneous expense not otherwise  
funded for Thanksgiving at Emmanuel \_\_\_\_\_

Total Emmanuel Budget \$ 34,695.  
Total Bloomfield Fund 2,000.\*\*

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GRAND TOTAL \$ 36,695.

On a further note, the search for an appropriate organization or program to occupy remaining space in the outreach complex is near an end, with financing for completing the interior remaining to be worked out.

Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success with a number of Emmanuelites among the volunteers. Mrs. Lena Watkins, our mentor and chief in this effort, reports that approximately 515 dinners were prepared and served from our kitchen, with well over 200 delivered to homes. Our fondest hope as a committee is to see more and more of our people in hands-on ministries. Only slightly less important is increasing Emmanuel's commitment to missions and outreach through parish giving. Members of the Outreach Committee are grateful for the challenge and the opportunity of serving the world beyond our walls. We thank the Vestry, the clergy, and our wonderful staff for steadfast and cheerful support.

Barbara Coplin, Chair

**EXTENDED MINISTRIES** As Christians, one of the most important things we can do is to help our fellow man. Here at Emmanuel, we have a very strong commitment to that goal. We help individual people, groups and causes here in Athens and throughout the world. Our parish accomplishes this with the help of many dedicated individuals and groups. Extended Ministries is composed of two committees and one ministry, which disburse money to many worthwhile Charities.

The Outreach Committee: allocates the pledge and contribution income designated for outreach.

The Williams-Rhodes Screening Committee: allocates the income derived from the Williams Trust and the Rhodes Trust. Both trusts are part of the Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc.

The Thrift House: allocates the profit derived from the sale of clothing and other goods in their shop.

These three groups give gifts of money to charitable organizations in the Athens area and to missions in foreign lands. Many parishioners also give time and talent to some of the same ministries. Many opportunities are available for those interested in volunteering time and effort to a great cause.

There are also other avenues that our parish provides outreach to the Athens community. Some of those are: The Cobb House, which is leased to the Pope Street Association who runs a recovery programs for people with alcohol problems. The Outreach Building, which is next door to the church, houses the Thrift House, Potters House and a soon to be named third tenant. Emmanuel Episcopal Day School offers accredited pre-school education in a Christian environment; their operations are partially subsidized by our parish.

Phillip Cofer

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** The Stephen Ministry program at Emmanuel provides pastoral care on a one-to-one basis for people going through difficult transitional times. Our care receivers are often members of Emmanuel, but we frequently serve people who are outside our church community. Referrals for care come from many sources; members of Emmanuel, clergy, friends, community professionals and Stephen Ministers themselves. Stephen Ministry services are offered at no charge.

We currently have 16 active Stephen Ministers. They give a minimum of two years service, meeting twice a month for peer supervision and continuing education. When assigned a care receiver, they meet weekly with that person. The Stephen Leaders, Krista Gridley and Pat Hall, are responsible for placing referrals, on-going group supervision, continuing education opportunities, training new Stephen Ministers and maintaining a close relationship with our clergy regarding the ministry.

This year we reprinted the Stephen Ministry brochure that we make available in the church and give to prospective care receivers. We have continued to maintain the tract rack, providing pamphlets that address a variety of topics such as stress, life changes, grief, and illness. These booklets are available to members of this parish and visitors to the church and can be found in the alcove next to the parlor where the Stephen Ministry banner is displayed. The Forward Movement brochure addresses questions of faith and provides information about Episcopal Church customs.

We have opened various educational programs to interested members of the congregation and the community at large. These opportunities will continue to be offered and we will encourage participation in these programs.

Some members of our Stephen Ministry group have been assisting the clergy by doing hospital visits each Saturday and on some holidays. Our volunteers for this ministry received specific training regarding such visits. Each Saturday, the local hospitals are checked for Episcopalian patients. Each person is visited and the Stephen Minister then reports to the clergy. Any special needs or concerns shared by the patient are relayed and access to the clergy member on call is available if an immediate need is recognized.

We are presently training two new Stephen Ministers. They receive 50 hours of training on a wide variety of topics regarding caring situations. We are utilizing some of this

training with the current supervision group to maintain skills and provide opportunities for discussion and reflection. Certain educational programs have been opened to interested members of the congregation as well. Our new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned in front of the congregation upon completion of the program.

Krista Gridley and Pat Hall

## **FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

The Facilities and Maintenance Committee is responsible for the major maintenance and major repairs of all church properties and the equipment in them. The office staff usually handles routine maintenance. The buildings and grounds used by the Parish include the Church, Offices, Parlor, Parish House, Christian Connection, Youth and Meeting Houses (two white cottages on Pope Street), and Music Building. In addition, other buildings owned by the Parish and used for Outreach include the Cobb House and the Outreach Building (which includes the Emmanuel Thrift House, the Potters House, and the vacant space next to the Thrift House). Also, a building on Prince Avenue is leased to the Athens Realtors.

Major Maintenance and Repair expense items for 2000 include:

### Church, Offices and Parlor

- The Emmanuel Window (stained glass window) at the rear and above the High Altar was removed and sent out for repair and reconditioning.
- Completed the modification of the steps and doors at the Tower and South Vestibules and the North and South Transepts of the church.
- Replaced the air conditioner condenser unit for the office and parlor areas.

### Parish House

- Restored and painted the exterior window frames on all second floor windows.
- Installed a new circuit and other equipment required for a new coffee maker in the kitchen area.

### Christian Connection

- No major items.

### Music Building

- Painted the front façade stucco, all exterior window frames and stucco work, and the rear entrance door and frame.

### Youth House and Meeting House

- Installed circuits for window air conditioners in the Youth House.

- Replaced a portion of the front porch floor on the Youth House.

### Outreach Building (Emmanuel Thrift House and Potters House)

- Removed the old roofing materials and installed a new roof on the entire building (except the front canopy).
- Replaced the roll-up freight door that services the rear of the Thrift House and the vacant area.

### Realty Building

- No major items.

### Cobb House

- Routine Maintenance provided by the tenants. No major maintenance items.

### Facilities and Maintenance Committee

## **ARCHITECTURAL AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

The business of the Architectural and Memorial Committee is to oversee and advise the Vestry on architectural changes that may impact the historic integrity of our church. Assisting the Vestry in managing the acceptance and disposition of memorial gifts is another committee obligation.

This spring the stained glass window was removed for six months repair. Artists in our parish replaced those panels with an interesting, handsome substitute. So pleasing are they that are made to use them in the Common Room when the original windows return. A new blue stone terrace has been developed in the bell tower area. This on-going project should be completed by February of 2001.

Plans are almost complete for the redecoration of the Church Parlor and the wide hallway into the office-parlor area of the church.

### The Architectural and Memorial Committee

Peggy Allen, Chair Ann Scoggins

Ann Bretscher Alan Stovall

Bobby Gibson John Waters

## **EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL**

Emmanuel Church is exceptionally lucky to have such a wonderful school...we are the only church preschool in the Athens area which is accredited by the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children); we have an outstanding director, Carole Johnson, and assistant director, Kitty Lay; we have the lowest teacher-student ratio; the smallest class sizes; highly qualified teachers who love and nurture the children; outstanding early childhood curriculum; a schedule that allows the children to share lunch together; and, a favorite of the parents, Wednesday Chapel. The NAEYC

commends EEDS for a "high level of compliance" from a list of ten criteria including "warm and positive" interaction between students and staff and a meaningful curriculum that engages children "actively in the learning process."

EEDS was founded in 1982 as a "quality half-day preschool with a Christian education component." Subsequently, in 1985, the vestry established a Board of Directors and a set of by-laws. Since 1985, the school has grown from three classes with 43 students to eight classes with 88 students for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Each October, we observe NAES (National Association of Episcopal Schools) Sunday. This annual event offers Emmanuel parishioners an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the ministry and achievements of our own Emmanuel Episcopal Day School. We appreciate the EEDS staff, children, parents, Board of Directors, and all those in the Emmanuel community who work to fulfill this ministry.

Cindy McAlister  
EEDS Board  
Executive Secretary & Acting Chair

## **THRIFT HOUSE OF EMMANUEL CHURCH**

The Thrift House ended its third full year of operations at its new location near the church on September 30, 2000.

Sales for the year were \$56,080.40 and expenses were \$24,577.75. The profits of \$31,502.65 were distributed to community agencies, our missionaries in other lands, and assistance to Emmanuel Church projects, according to the votes of the Thrift House workers, at their two semi-annual meetings.

Ninety-one volunteer workers, mostly parishioners, both men and women, are involved in the work of the Thrift House, whether sorting donations, pricing and hanging in the store, straightening and decorating, or manning the store to cover 3 hour shifts the twenty-one hours the store is open for business. In addition, many serve by being substitute sales clerks, willing to come in and cover so that the store is always staffed. Telephone callers, the scheduling chairman, the publicity chairman and the regular officers of the Thrift House, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer all do their jobs to keep the organization happy and productive!

Best of all, work with the Thrift Shop is fun! New volunteers are always welcome and we are pleased to feel that we can see and measure the results of our efforts, and can help decide how the profits are to be distributed.

Mary Horvat  
Treasurer

## **THRIFT HOUSE OF EMMANUEL CHURCH**

### STATEMENT OF INCOME

INCOME - SALES \$56,080.40

EXPENSES

Rent 12,000.00

Cleaning 1,700.00  
Athens-Clarke Co., trash service 180.00  
Bell South 886.81  
Georgia Power - electricity 2,033.84  
Atlanta Gas Light 562.42  
Potter's House: water & sewer 173.63  
Misc: trash bags, supplies, keys 883.20  
Advertising 1,385.42  
Equipment 762.50  
Maintenance and Repairs 282.35  
Memorial gifts in memory of Owen W. and Jane Roberts 100.00  
Georgia Sales Tax 3,577.58  
Athens-Clarke Co business license 50.00  
24,577.75  
PROFIT, TWELVE MONTHS 31,502.65

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CASH IN CHECKING, October 1, 1999 14,273.14  
ADD PROFIT FOR TWELVE MONTHS 31,502.65  
45,775.79  
LESS DISTRIBUTIONS MADE, October, 1999 and April, 2000:  
The Ark 2,000.00  
Athens Area Emergency Food Bank 2,500.00  
Athens Area Homeless Shelter 3,160.00  
ACCA - Home Delivered Meals 3,500.00  
Bethlehem Ministry - Pere Bruno in Dominican Republic 1,000.00  
Rt. Rev. Samson O. Babalola 2,000.00  
Pere Guerrier - school at Limonade, Cap Haitien 2,000.00  
Emmanuel Day School - scholarships 900.00  
Quad State Children's Theater 1,140.00  
The Sparrow's Nest 200.00  
Postage to send clothes to DAR mission schools 30.00  
East Georgia Chapter, American Red Cross 1,500.00  
Emmanuel Church - for landscaping 3,500.00  
Emmanuel Church - discretionary funds 300.00  
Emmanuel Church - for layreader project 500.00  
Additional funds to Ferguson Memorial 600.00  
Emmanuel Church - for security system 1,000.00  
Emmanuel Church - for carpeting hallway, parlor renovation 4,200.00  
30,030.00  
CASH IN CHECKING, SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 15,745.79

Cash in Savings: \$6,397.56  
\$5,200 is restricted: security system, \$1,000; parlor renovation, \$3,000; hallway  
carpeting, \$1,200  
\$1,197.56 is unrestricted

## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

The Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia

The Episcopal Center continues to thrive and grow. There is much involved in the life of the Episcopal Center. Ministry at the center looks like this:

### Weekly Eucharist

We have Holy Eucharist at 5 PM on Wednesdays when school is in session. Over the course of the year, we've had many guests preside and preach. Our weekly Wednesday Eucharist continues to be our best attended offering.

A disclaimer: It's hard for me to describe involvement at the center without using numbers to be descriptive.

During the Spring of 2000, students continued to pour in. While numbers backed off some from fall 1999 semester (which is normal trend in campus ministry), we did see an average Wednesday attendance of 32. Bishop Allan's visit coincided with our highest attendance of Spring semester at 68.

While historically we have not had services during the summer, we did have about twelve students in town, so during June and July (the summer academic term) we held Wednesday evening Eucharist. We averaged about nine students.

We've been bursting at the seams during Fall 2000. We've averaged 46, have seen well over 55 students several times this semester. Our high attendance of the year was the third week of class - 67.

Some highlights included:

- On January 26, 2000, the Rt. Rev. Frank K. Allan visited and confirmed, and "reaffirmed" eight students. That evening marked the highest number of students I had seen at the center to that point - 68.
- The Rev. Canon Charlie Roper was with us twice in March as a part of our lenten series.
- the Rev. Newell Graham, the Rev. Gene Britton, and the Rev. Mandy Brady have been guest presiders and preachers at services this fall.

### Preparation for Weekly Eucharist

Students regularly participate in our worship life. We have a regular rotation of acolytes, lay readers, and oblationers. One student serves as our Altar guild. He sets up for services, does linens, polishes brass and furniture, and does an excellent job at it all. I spend time each Monday with musicians to selecting music for the services. Several students regularly provide music for our services.

### Weekly meals

We served a meal weekly during this last year following our Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist. We provide the meal without cost for students. My wife, Kiezha Smith Ferrell, has been instrumental in preparing food for us. We served for 30 or more most of the

year. Students regularly help prepare and clean up meals.

### Christian Ed

Students continue to participate in Christian Education (in spite of the fact that we don't call it that). In the Spring Semester fourteen students participated in a book study of Biblical Authority or Biblical Tyranny, by L. William Countryman. We met weekly for eight weeks. Christian ed also included a Wednesday evening program following our meal. These included, The Gospel According to Seuss - theological reflection on Dr. Seuss books, theological reflection on movies including: The Matrix, Dead Man Walking, Romero, and others, We had viewed and discussed of The Lost Children of Rockdale County, the Bishop presented a discussion on his sermon and questions during his visit, and Charles Roper also discussed his sermon and fielded questions with us

In the Fall, Christian education outside of Wednesday programs consists of confirmation classes. Currently, we have a gather of twelve (or so) students who will be Confirmed, Reaffirmed, or Received when Bishop Tharp visits Emmanuel on January 14, 2000.

### Grad Students

About eight to ten grad students participate in the life of the center. We gather once a month to share a meal and time together.

### Pastoral Care of Students

Students spend lots of time at the center. Lots of pastoral care time is spent by just hanging out and talking with students in the center. As the diocesan budget has allowed for funding to hire a secretary in the calendar year 2001, I look forward to spending more time with students just hanging out after a secretary is hired. One of the ways I get to know students and take time to be with them is by regularly taking them to lunch.

Over the last year I heard several confessions, and I met regularly with students with specific pastoral needs. Occasionally, a student will wind up in the hospital and I will visit them there.

### Vocational Discernment

I used spring break 2000 to take two students- Josh Condon (postulant) and Brent Temple (aspirant) to General Theological Seminary in New York. We enjoyed our visit and were welcomed warmly. I plan to take a group of four (or so) on a similar voyage during spring break 2001, which will include a visit to General (New York), Seabury (Chicago), Virginia (Washington D.C.), and perhaps Sewanee.

One of my diocesan responsibilities includes the Discerning Young Vocations Experience (DYVE) - the process for discerning a vocation to priesthood for college students in this diocese. This process includes a Friday evening and Saturday group discernment process. I serve on a leadership team of five persons including the chaplains from Emory and Georgia Tech. Currently, we have three students participating in this program. (Parenthetically, we have many more students participating than the other diocesan college chaplaincies.) Many of our students have

expressed interest in participating in this program in the future.

### Chaplain's on campus involvement

I was regularly involved on campus over the last year. I spent time at the Tate Center with students several times this year. I had lunch with students on campus several times. I was fortunate enough to give the commencement invocation, and I have been an active participant in the Campus Ministry Association.

### Chaplain's involvement at Emmanuel

I preached roughly once a month, helped with adult Christian Ed, attended weekly staff meetings, and I have presided at Eucharist almost weekly. I have occasionally helped with hospital visits. I have helped with Baptismal preparation for families of infants. I lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. I offered premarital preparation for three couples and weddings for two (with more in the works).

One of the major ways the chaplain been involved at Emmanuel is through the Acolyte ministry. I've frequently met with Cindy Morrow and Leslie DeHaseth, and we've trained acolytes, and we've developed a customary. I am excited about my continuing role in this ministry.

### Student involvement at Emmanuel

Students have been progressively more involved at Emmanuel. Approximately 25-50 students attend services at Emmanuel regularly. This year, Emmanuel appointed a spot on the vestry for a student involved at the Episcopal Center. Currently, it is a non-voting position. Leigh Preston, a sophomore from Dunwoody currently serves as the Vestry Representative. Students provided the music for the Seder Meal on Wednesday of Holy Week. I hope they will be asked to provide the music again this year.

### Continuing Ed.

In May, I attended a continuing education conference on small churches. While not all of the program overlapped with college chaplaincy, it did indeed give me some inspiration for new programs. I plan to attend the national church's chaplain's conference next summer.

### Emmanuel's involvement with the Center

Parishioner's at Emmanuel are beginning to perceive the Episcopal Center as an outreach to students at the University. One way that Emmanuel parishioners have been involved at the center is through our annual cookout. Many parishioners brought grills and food to our annual fall cookout. Over 60 students attended that event and almost half of those students were there for the first time. This fall, Frances Speight began volunteering her time on a weekly basis at the Episcopal Center. I can't thank her enough for her involvement. It would be great to have a team of support to help Kiezha prepare meals for students. As our program is growing, making meals becomes increasingly difficult. Rustin McAlister and I are making plans to begin a dialogue between students and parishioners about how parishioners can be more involved.

### Other items

I was privileged to have so many people from Emmanuel and the Episcopal Center attend my ordination to the priesthood on February 5. I was caught off guard that so many college students - 25-30 - attended the 10 AM event at the cathedral in Atlanta. (So many of them have such a hard time getting up on Sunday mornings for the 11:15 service J). Five students participated in the service (3 in choir, 1 thurifer, 1 reader).

In summary, so much has happened in the last year that I am quite sure that I am leaving things out. After my first calendar year I am happy to say I've had successes and failings and opportunities for growth. I ask for your continuing prayers and support on our road ahead.

The Rev. Sean D. Ferrell, Chaplain  
Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia

## **EMMANUEL PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND**

Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc. was granted a charter in the Superior Court of Clarke County, Georgia on April 21, 1944. The Endowment Fund grew from contributions from parishioners and reached the total of \$25,000.00 in 1948. About 1965 the Vestry directed that various small funds and bequests be transferred to the Endowment Fund and administered by the Board of Trustees as Special Funds within the Endowment Fund. In 1980 the Endowment Fund as Trustee received distribution in trust from the estates of Mrs. Elizabeth VonderLieth Williams and Mrs. Mildred VonderLieth Rhodes. These trusts provide that the income from the trusts be used for the general purpose of the Endowment Fund, that is, distributed to Emmanuel Church and spent as directed by the Vestry. By the provisions of the Trusts, and by law, none of the principal of the Endowment Fund, the Williams Trust, the Rhodes Trust or the Special Funds (except the Joelson Fund) can ever be spent. All of the income, and only the income, is available for distribution to the Church to be spent at the direction of the Vestry.

The charter provides that the affairs of Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc., be conducted by a Board of Trustees composed of six members of Emmanuel Church, at least half of whom are or have been members of the Vestry, and the Rector, who is ex-officio a Trustee. In fact, all of the trustees have been members of the Vestry, several have served as Senior Warden, several as Parish Treasurer, and all have been members of the Finance Committee at one time or another. This is in addition to many other areas of service performed by the Trustees.

Trustees currently serving for the year 2000 are: James A. Bowers, Jr., Ann C. Cabaniss, John F. Coplin, Robert E. Gibson, Mark F. Stewart, and Robert M. Wood. Trustees are appointed by the Vestry for four year terms.

The Trustees of Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc., make the investment decisions for the funds. They are advised by a portfolio manager from SunTrust Bank and by the Atlanta money management firm of A. Montag and Associates. SunTrust Bank also performs the duties of agent and treasurer. In that capacity, the Bank holds all securities and funds and provides a detailed accounting to the Trustees quarterly. The firm of Rice and Giles, CPAs, performs an annual review and prepares the annual

Internal Revenue information return.

At the present time the Endowment Fund is administered as four (4) funds:

1. The General Fund is composed of the original contributions, additional contributions, and the growth of the investment of those funds.
2. The Williams Trust is the trust fund established under the will of Mrs. Williams.
3. The Rhodes Trust is the trust established under the will of Mrs. Rhodes.
4. The Special Funds, composed of miscellaneous trust funds given and bequeathed to the Church over the years.

The investments of the Endowment Funds are composed of savings accounts, certificates of deposit, government bonds, government agency bonds, corporate bonds, common stocks, preferred stocks, and, in special situations, stock and bond funds. The value of the investments changes daily as the stock and bond markets change.

Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund is managed with the objective of providing the maximum amount of income to the Church, consistent with safety of capital and preservation of purchasing power by growth of principal. The normal asset allocation is 70% equities, 25% fixed income, and 5% cash. The asset allocation can vary from the normal dependent on opportunities available to the Trustees. The Trustees have regularly scheduled quarterly meetings with the investment advisors. In between scheduled meetings, the Board may have called meetings or conference call meetings. The charter states that the purposes of Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc., are: "...religious, educational, and charitable, with the accumulation, maintenance, and management of an endowment fund to be used by the corporation for the benefit, development, and expansion of the work of Emmanuel Church or Parish....."

The balances of The Endowment Fund as of September 30, 2000, are:

General Fund \$ 857,513.85  
Rhodes Trust \$1,347,678.53  
Williams \$4,214,664.83  
Special Funds \$1,013,507.72  
Total \$7,433,364.82

The following are distributions to Emmanuel Church for the period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000:

General Fund \$ 21,477.09  
Distributed to the Church as budgeted income

Rhodes Trust \$ 42,070.03  
Williams Trust \$128,452.36 \$170,522.39

Distributed by the Vestry upon  
recommendation of the Williams  
Rhodes Screening committee.

Special Funds (see schedule below) \$ 32,454.07

Total \$244,453.55

### Balances of Special Funds

#### Altar Guild

Cella Mae Finlay McLeroy \$ 554.15

Clifford L. McLeroy \$ 277.07

Mildred Rhodes for McLeroy Fund \$2,179.26

Mildred V. Rhodes \$5,479.19

Elizabeth V. Williams \$5,479.19

St. Martha's Chapter \$2,371.24

Leighton M. Ballew \$5,120.50 \$ 21,478.60

VonderLieth and McLeroy Memorial Rooms Fund \$ 16,424.81

Rhodes Education of a Priest \$ 75,418.06

Emma Long-Rector's Discretionary Fund \$ 583.13

Jenny Smith Fund-For the poor of Athens \$ 7,677.87

Leighton M. Ballew Fund-Discretion of Vestry, \$ 250,259.68  
especially outreach and Haitian Scholarships

Edith W. Joelson Fund \$ 130,329.41

For needy people wherever located

Mildred Lyles Dearing Fund \$ 300,020.05

Discretion of the Vestry

James Lester Sexton Music Fund \$ 11,662.59

James C. Bloomfield Memorial Fund \$ 158,028.07

For sick and crippled children

Sexton Cemetery Fund (see note) \$ 41,625.55

TOTAL PRINCIPAL \$1,013,507.82

Note: Sexton Cemetery Fund is administered by Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc. under special trust arrangement with the Estate of Mrs. Margaret Branch Sexton. The fund is available for maintenance of Sexton cemetery lots in Savannah, Georgia. Income to this fund accumulates, is added to principal, and spent as needed for

maintenance.

## The Williams-Rhodes Screening Committee

In January the WR Committee was reconstituted to contain seven members. The members, their 'type of representation' and their terms are:

Name	Representing	Term	Name	Representing	Term
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Scott Shaw	Chair	2002	Janet Griffith	Thrift House	2001
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Meredith Kahlstorf		Parish	2003	Mary Compton	Outreach	2001
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Jack Coplin		Parish	2001	Jody Vrana	Parish Life	2001
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Heidi Simmonds		Parish	2001			
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During the period October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000, twenty-nine applications were approved to receive grants totaling \$109,280.08. The recipients were:

ACCA - Meals on Wheels

Action

Aids Coalition

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank

Athens Area Homeless Shelter

Athens First Assembly of God

Athens YMCA

Athens YWCO

Camp Mikell

Education for Ministry

Emmanuel Christian Education

Emmanuel Church Day School

Emmanuel EYC

Episcopal Media Center

Garnett Ridge Family Support Center

Georgia Children's Chorus

Girl Scouts of NE Georgia

Haiti Limonade and Cap Hatien

Healing Place

John Hamilton Honduras Missionary

Rural Outreach Center

Stephens Ministry

In addition \$7,792.80 was provided to the rector's discretionary fund and \$39,129.27 went to funding Emmanuel's building and maintenance.

**ADDENDUM: NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Rector Nominating Committee  
Annual Report  
December 10, 2000

The Rector Nominating Committee concluded its work in October 2000. Following the conclusion of the nominating process, the Vestry called the Reverend Peter Courtney to serve as Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

Our time together this year involved:

- completing the Parish Profile and mailing one copy to each candidate submitted by parishioners and one copy to each candidate selected by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee carefully reviewed all candidates' profiles from the Church Deployment Office before Parish Profiles were mailed.
- developing a questionnaire and distributing a copy to each individual selected by the Nominating Committee from those individuals indicating an interest in serving as Rector of Emmanuel Church.
- reviewing responses to questionnaires against the criteria established by the congregation through the completed surveys and published Profile.
- scheduling telephone interviews for those priests selected based on their responses to questionnaires.
- conducting telephone interviews with selected candidates. All committee members who were present could participate in and listen to the entire interview.
- electing priests to visit based on telephone interviews. Teams of Nominating Committee members visited priests in their homes, their churches and their communities.
- scheduling visits for priests to meet the Nominating Committee in Athens. Both committee interviews and small group meetings were held with visiting priests.

Although the process took considerable time, we were diligent in our task and for the most part met each week for 14 months. During the telephone interviews, we met for 6 consecutive evenings!

Our committee sincerely appreciates the prayers and patience of the congregation during this lengthy process. As chair of the committee, I want to extend my personal thanks for the work of each of the committee members. Emmanuel Church can be proud of the representatives on the committee. Without exception, each member was prayerful, dedicated, and conscientious regarding their task and their commitment to God and Emmanuel Church.

Debra Harden, Chair Joe Napoli Carol Winthrop  
Rosalind Gilbert Agnes Parker Bob Wood  
Tom Holland Scott Shaw Norm Wood  
Cindy McAlister Jay Shinn Rev. W. Newell Graham, Consultant  
Penny McLanahan Andy Simmonds