

EMMANUEL CHURCH

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EDUCATION COMMISSION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Sunday Morning Offerings – Spring 2002

Rector's Forum: The strong program year continued into the spring with an Inquirers' Class, Temperament and Spirituality using the Myers-Briggs personality inventory, reflections on The Kryptonite Kid by Joseph Torchia, Electron Ethics, Science and Religion, Adult Books for Children, and a guest appearance by Tom Camp.

Parlor Class: In the Spring the New Testament 101 group finished their study, and the ever popular Listening for God reflected on spiritual themes in modern literature using volume 3.

Sunday Morning Offerings – Fall 2002

Rector's Forum: The Rector's Forum continues to be a popular place for adults on Sunday morning. In the late summer there was an Inquirers' Class to prepare for the bishop's visitation over Labor Day weekend. Fall topics include Confirmation Class, a reprise of the popular Friedman's Fables, and the Ten Commandments led by Fr. Courtney. There were also guest appearances by John Gedrick leading Poetry and Spirituality, and Bruce Morrow leading Baseball, Hollywood, and Stewardship.

Parlor Class: Natural Spirituality held a Sunday morning class using the book Natural Spirituality: Recovering the Wisdom Tradition in Christianity. Led by Agnes Parker.

Book Study: Fr. Sean led a book study on Nora Gallagher's Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith. Those who attended enjoyed lively conversation over the insights in the book.

Mid-week Offerings

DOCC (Disciples of Christ in Community): A combination of worship, reflection and conversation make this an excellent opportunity to explore the intersection of faith and life. DOCC meets on Tuesday evenings, led by the Rev. Peter Courtney and facilitated by Lee Gaby, Jane Kidd, Bob Wood and Lisa Yarn.

DOCC2: A new offering this year, DOCC2 provides a time and place for those who have completed the DOCC course to delve deeper and continue their conversation about faith and life. Led by David Kidd.

EFM (Education for Ministry): Administered by the University of the South, EFM is a four year course of study, which explores the Old and New Testament, Church History, and Theology. The group led by Jim McGown on Wednesdays finished its course of study during the spring and early fall.

Monday Morning Bible Study: A new offering this year, a group of men and women meet from 11 to 12:30 on Monday morning in the Meeting House to reflect on the scripture readings for the following Sunday. It is a relaxed time of shared learning, reflection, prayer and fellowship. Led by Mo. Mandy.

Natural Spirituality: The Dream Group continues to meet on Sunday mornings after services and on Tuesday mornings. This community, open to all who have completed the Natural Spirituality course, deepens awareness of God's activity in one's life through the sharing and examination of dreams. Leaders include Agnes Parker, Joyce Hudson, and Heidi Simmonds.

Spiritual Autobiography: This group meets on Tuesday evenings to explore how God shapes and molds us in the midst of the events of our lives. Led by America Abbott.

Special Events

Parish Weekend: A new offering this spring, the Rev. Bruce Stewart led an on-site Parish Weekend for all ages titled Creation and Creativity: Living the Easter Life. Among the highlights were a mimed eucharist, acting out scripture, poetry, singing, praying and dancing.

Quiet Day: On Saturday November 16, the Emmanuel community and others from the larger community participated in our first Quiet Day. The Rev. Shari Bledsoe led a group of 25 in exploring the theme Letting Go: Thy Will be Done using scripture, meditation, prayer, breathing exercises and a classical labyrinth.

We have had a good year with four new offerings. Many thanks go to the members of the Adult Formation Committee for their hard work: Sara Baker, Gary Davis, Mary Anne O'Neal-Ingle, Cindy McAlister, Janice Rusk and Andy Simmonds.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo. Mandy Brady+

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children's Christian Education.

At the 9 AM service:

For very young children, the nursery is open for children, from infants to age 2. Five professionals who love working with young children run our nursery.

Children's Chapel: 3-5 year olds can attend Children's Chapel during the service. It is located in the Christian Connection, an open space with bright colors and paintings. The children's service includes songs, prayers and a story. 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. A child presents this offering at the 9 AM service with the adult ushers.

Children's Liturgy: 1st graders through 4th graders are welcome in Children's Liturgy, which is held in the parlor. 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. 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 is again 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 Whiskers the mouse, simple crafts and a Bible Story. Weekly lessons build on each other, so that children have several weeks to absorb the material.

The Kindergarten through the 5th grade will be using a new curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit. This lectionary-based curriculum uses a wide variety of resources, and is created to help children understand both Bible stories and the traditions of the church.

This is Emmanuel's 2nd year to use the Journey to Adulthood program. Journey to Adulthood is a program of spiritual formation for youth. We have two groups using this program. They are the Rite 13 group (7th-8th grade) and the J2A group (9th-11th grade). Groups meet both in the morning during the Christian Education hour and in the evening during the EYC time. Each group has a set of leaders that have made a two-year commitment to work with the youth. With this program, youth are confirmed at the end of their 10th grade year, after 4 years of spiritual formation.

We have a fantastic group of teachers this year. Many are new to teaching Sunday School, while others are returning teachers. All of them seem to be doing a great job of teaching. Children are engaged and look joyful! Our children are being given a wide pool of resources to learn from as they grow in their faith and spirituality.

Other offerings for Children's Christian Education:

Children's Sermons: Every 2nd Sunday of the month at the 9 AM service, in the place of the traditional sermon, the preacher of the day presents a children's sermon. The preacher sits on the steps and invites children to come forward and hear the good news.

Children's Eucharist: In months that have 5 Sundays, on the 5th Sunday, we have a children's Eucharist. The service is for children in Children's Chapel and Children's Liturgy and their

families. It meets in the Children's Chapel and includes a homily and Eucharist.

Children's Bulletins: At the entrances to the church are crayon packs with a coloring page. The coloring page is lectionary based. The Church volunteers maintain these packets.

Vacation Bible School: The theme was Bug Safari. We had a great VBS with Katherine McKinney & Laura Cofer serving as co-directors with Sarah Fisher. Laura has volunteered to run the program again next summer, so look forward to yet another great time!

Christmas Pageant: Planning for the annual Christmas pageant is underway! Emmanuel children and youth tell the Christmas story. 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 Kat Ballard are overseeing Operation Christmas Child, an outreach ministry to children around the world. Church members and Sunday School classes gather shoe 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.

Emmanuel Parents Association (EPA): The EPA was formed to help parents stay informed and to provide opportunities for parents to help in children's ministry. The EPA serves primarily as a phone/email tree. Requests for help with projects often come down through the EPA phone line and information about happenings are heard this way as well.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): The EYC continues to be an important outreach in the spiritual formation of our youth. EYC is split into 3 distinct, age appropriate groups. The groups are:

1. 6th grade, led by Gillian Ball, Brian Slate, and Baxley Dolphus. 5th graders are invited to join this group once a month in order to get a taste of the EYC experience.
2. Rite 13, 7th-8th grades led by Vince Howard, Katherine McKinney & Jessica Kappler
3. J2A, 9th-11th grades led by Berkeley Boone, Laura Cofer & Terri Tillman

Additional leadership includes: Father Courtney and Mother Mandy both help in planning and are often present for special functions, such as retreats. In addition, Mother Mandy is present with the EYC at least once a month. Kat Ballard is present weekly and rotates between the groups. While the groups come together to eat, programming is separate and age appropriate.

Parents of Youth: The Parents of Youth group (POY) is a support group for parents of pre-teens and teenagers. The group meets monthly and is led by Wren Howard. POY covers topics and issues facing youth and parents.

Both Children's Christian Education and EYC continue to grow and change. They are wonderful ministries to children and youth, led by fun, spirit-filled, creative, talented people.

Kat Ballard

Director of Christian Formation with Children and Youth

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 Christ as 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 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. There are currently two Journey Groups. (Tuesday morning and Sunday after church.) The members of the Journey Groups help each other understand their dreams and meaningful life events as sources of healing and guidance on their individual journeys with God. These groups meet all year. There are currently 225 who have taken the seminars (Study Groups) at Emmanuel in the last eleven years.

In 2002 the Study Group was presented as an Adult Christian Education offering on Sunday mornings. In the spring, members of the Journey Group in conjunction with St. Gregory's wrote and produced Lenten meditation booklets, based on the daily lectionary. One thousand copies of each booklet were printed for distribution to the parish and beyond.

This year the Natural Spirituality Program has continued to spread to other churches, jumping from thirteen programs to forty -- in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, London (England), and Paris (France). Emmanuel's Natural Spirituality Program has published its second issue of The Rose, a newsletter to connect these far-flung groups and to share their experiences. (The Rose is subsidized by donations.) In addition, the Journey Group oversees the Altar of Thanksgiving in the Founders' Chapel.

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The spiritual autobiography group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Parlor. During these sessions, we come to know one another well, and for that reason we agree that the stories we share must remain confidential. This discipline has become an ongoing experience for those of us who continue to enrich our spiritual lives through writing and sharing our stories with one another. Currently the group is being coordinated by America Abbott and Joycelyn Trigg.

New participants will follow an outline 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." Isn't that what we all strive for if we are serious about our commitment to God? Writing about our own personal relationship with God has been a truly rewarding experience for those of us who participate. We invite anyone who is interested to contact America Abbott at 353-3508. We are ecumenical and welcome both men and women.

America Abbott

WORSHIP COMMISSION

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is made up of 65 wonderful ladies of Emmanuel Church. These ladies go about their duties quietly and efficiently serving all the altar needs of the church. Each member serves for one calendar month each year taking care of all the services that occur during that time period – regular services, weddings, funerals and other special services. From time to time as needed, extra volunteers are recruited.

The Altar Guild Manual has been revised and updated. The manual includes all new instructions for setting up for Sunday services and all new pictures. Altar Guild members will find it very helpful and user friendly.

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

Subcommittees of the Altar Guild include the Flower Committee and the Wedding Committee. The flower committee has twenty-four faithful and talented members that work monthly shifts corresponding with those of the Guild. This committee is chaired by Jenny Broadnax. Flowers for regular services are funded by memorial donations as well as several bequests. There is a flower calendar just outside of the parish office for parishioners to sign if they wish to place flowers in the church. The calendar for each new year is put up in January and you are welcome to sign up at any time.

The Wedding Committee is chaired by Joann Yates. This committee handles all the weddings that occur at Emmanuel. Joanne and her committee are very dedicated to serving the needs of both Emmanuel and the brides. Wedding flowers are provided by the bride and groom, but are always arranged by the Flower Committee.

For more information on the Altar Guild or to volunteer, please contact Debra Lassiter, Post Office Box 6073 Athens, Georgia 30604 or by calling 706-769-5698. New members are always welcome.

Debra Lassiter

Altar Guild Chairman

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 Cofer, Ann Bretscher, Grace Hunnicutt, 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 18 banners from November 2001 to November 2002.

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. We are self supporting and our time is on a volunteer basis.

MUSIC

The music program of Emmanuel offers a graded choir program for ages four through adults. We currently have five choirs: Family, Parish, 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.

A number of choir members were able to participate in the Diocesan Choral Festival in March. We look forward to singing in the next Diocesan Choral Festival.

The Family and Parish Choirs have enjoyed the new choir robes that were purchased for them this year. The new robes replaced ones that had been in use for twenty-five years.

Deborah Henson

USHERS

Close to one hundred Emmanuelites now serve as ushers. To each of them is offered our gratitude and appreciation. At each Sunday service and at special services throughout the year, ushers act as Emmanuel's "unofficial" greeters. They see that all have service bulletins,

help with the collection of offering and getting it to the bank, provide assistance during communion, and secure the church after a service. They also stand ready to offer special needs assistance during the services, be it directions to the various parts of our church facilities or information about church programs. Ushers also provide our visitors with a warm welcome and an invitation to return. Ushers come together a couple of times a year for fellowship, usually once in the fall and again in the spring. Anyone desiring to serve as an usher need only call the church office. A follow up call will be made to answer questions. New ushers will become part of a team and then included in the next scheduling rotation. Scheduling typically occurs three times a year for the periods-September through December, January through May and June through August. Teams generally consist of 4-5 individuals.

All are cordially invited and welcome to serve. Please call the church office at 543-1294 or Chuck Galis at 546-7800 with questions.

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 2002 our committee will have assisted our priests with seventeen services of the Celebration and 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 Leslie De Haseth when acolytes are needed. Arriving about one hour before the ceremony, the director ensures that the wedding goes smoothly before and during the ceremony.

This is our volunteer commitment to assist our priests and our parish in making weddings at Emmanuel an important and meaningful sacrament.

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Parish Life is one of seven commissions at Emmanuel Church. Ministries of Parish Life include Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Foyers, Holy Cookers, Super'Lites, Office Volunteers, Receptions, Sunday Refreshments and Vestry Nominating. The ministries of this commission are significant to the life of our parish.

Both Lane Norton and Cathy Cofer have quietly and generously devoted their time to organizing receptions throughout this year. Christian Education Appreciation Receptions and a

Farewell Reception for our seminarian, Sarah Fisher, were both meaningful and successful.

Betty Cofer continues to provide support and guidance to our Holy Cookers who prepare our Wednesday night suppers. Betty also coordinates volunteers who provide the much-appreciated Sunday refreshments. While not as active this year, Super'Lites continue to function. Cindy and Rustin McAlister organize our very active foyer groups. This ministry is a wonderful way for Emmanuelites to get to know parishioners in our homes!

Emmanuel has hosted blood drives throughout the years. This year Gillian Ball efficiently coordinated this effort. This is another example of a quiet, successful ministry. Once again, the Brotherhood of St. Andrews hosted a breakfast in appreciation of the commitment of our acolytes. During the summer months Jackie Andrews organized our lemonade refreshments every Sunday morning. Thanks to the many families who participated by making and serving lemonade following each 10:00 Sunday service.

We will close out our year in Parish Life with the Annual Parish Meeting on December 8 and the Northeast Georgia Clericus luncheon December 17. This has been a productive year in Parish Life! The activities noted are just a few of the many Parish Life activities that have been going on at Emmanuel. While some people have been mentioned in this report, they represent the many parishioners of Emmanuel who have made meaningful contributions of time, talent, and love throughout our church community! These Parish Life ministers clearly exemplify our mission, "Emmanuel Episcopal Church strives to honor God by nurturing the spirit and ministering to God's people wherever they may be."

Respectfully, submitted,

Debra Harden

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.

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.

HOLY COOKERS

Approximately forty 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!

SUPER'LITES

The Super'lites have been inactive for a year but we are trying to get back on track.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

PASTORAL CARE

One of Emmanuel's strengths is the way the community rallies when a member of our church family is in a time of transition, 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 (Beth Saye & Jody Vrana), Card Ministry (Office Volunteers), Daughters of the King (Kay Hoyt & Anne Brightwell), Guild of the Christ Child (Cindy McAlister), Newcomers, Stephen Ministry (Pat Hall & Pat Oliffe), and Tracts (Janet Williamson).

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 need, and for their hard work and dedication which make this partnership a reality.

Cindy McAlister

GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD

The Guild of the Christ Child is a ministry that supports families from pregnancy through birth and baptism. Guild members are available to help in many ways, including prayer lists, notification of births, delivering meals, and supplying information on choosing godparents and baptism. This is a joyful time for these families, as well as a time of celebration for our church family, as we welcome these newest members into our family in Christ at Emmanuel. If you are interested in becoming a member of GOCC, or if you know of anyone in our parish who is pregnant, please call Cindy McAlister.

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 23,000 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 convention's decisions. The Provincial assembly meets every October at Kanuga with a briefer meeting in June.

The Atlanta Diocesan Assembly has been the largest in the country. Each year it sponsors a general meeting in February, a retreat at Camp Mikell in April, and several quiet days around the diocese. Daughters individually endeavor to live their lives from a stance of prayer and praise, strengthened by their community. The sponsored events are designed to help us grow spiritually as we journey, and are always open to everyone.

Kay Hoyt

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministry program at Emmanuel provides confidential pastoral care on a one-to-one basis for people going through difficult transitional times in their lives. 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 12 active Stephen Ministers. They give a minimum of two years service, meeting twice per month for peer supervision and continuing education. When assigned a care receiver, they meet weekly with that person. The Stephen leaders, Pat Hall and Pat Oliffe, 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. Mother Mandy is currently serving as pastor and advisor for the Stephen Ministers and is a great source of support for both leaders and members.

Continuing education is an important component of our ministry. The main thrust of this year has been care and concerns of the elderly. We are currently considering expanding our ministry to include visits to some of Emmanuel's shut-ins and those in nursing homes. Educational programs have been opened to interested members of the congregation and community and are publicized in newsletters.

Stephen Ministers participate in pastoral care in other ways as needed. Many 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 receive 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 patients are relayed, and access to the clergy member on call is available if an immediate need is recognized. Stephen Ministers also maintain the tract rack in the alcove near the church office providing Care Notes that address a variety of topics such as stress, life changes, grief and illness.

EXTENDED MINISTRIES COMMISSION

*Emmanuel Episcopal Church strives to honor God by nurturing the spirit
and ministering to God's people wherever they may be.*

Our mission statement urges us to minister to God's people wherever they may be. 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. The Extended Ministries Commission is composed of two committees, one ministry, and the Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia.

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 other ways the parish reaches out to the community: The Cobb House is leased at no cost to the Pope Street Association which administers the majority of the local recovery programs for people with alcohol problems. The Outreach Building next door to the church houses the Thrift House, Potters House and Community Connection. A small office in the front part of the Music Building is rented to the Georgia Legal Services Project. The Emmanuel Episcopal Day School offers accredited pre-school education in a Christian environment; their operations are partially subsidized by our parish.

The Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia is part of Emmanuel. Sean Ferrell has written a report on Center activities that is included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee continues to support the Our Daily Bread Program, which prepares and serves meals to the area hungry. Several outreach grants have been awarded to local organizations to help in their project efforts, among these are: Hands on Athens, Athens Area Homeless Shelter, The Ark, Moore's Ford Memorial Committee, and Bethlehem Ministries. The Outreach Committee has also funded individual assistance for a mission trip to build a church, local blood drive, and people in crisis.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served in the Common Room for the fourth year to those who come to us and will be delivered to those who cannot. Lena Watkins will once again cook and organize this dinner. Volunteers from inside and outside the parish will provide assistance in preparation, set up, hosting, and delivery.

The Bloomfield Fund (for "the sick and crippled children of Clarke County") has helped fund the special needs of many children this year.

The committee is especially pleased that two organizations who provide extensive services to the needy of our area have taken up residence on our campus this year: Community Connection and the Athens regional arm of Georgia Legal Services. Many thanks to the Rector and Vestry for their cooperation in adding these valuable partners to our larger ministry.

While a few requests remain to be acted on, the following have been approved:

1. East Georgia Chapter of the Red Cross \$ 1000.

Assistance in arrangements and lodging for a family whose house burned

2. Jerusalem 2000 1000.

Support for an Episcopal school in the beleaguered Diocese of Jerusalem

3. Moore's Ford Scholarship Fund 1000.

Annual scholarship for area high school graduate with special commitment to social justice

4. Hands On Athens 1000.

Support program of the A-C Heritage Foundation to repair homes of older citizens in the Hancock Corridor

5. Mission Trip to Guatemala 1500.

Enabling the Fuicher brothers to provide their skills in building a new church

6. Athens Area Homeless Shelter 5000.

Avoid a crisis in delivery of funds that would have shut down operations

7. New School at Terrier Rouge, Haiti 2000.

a. Buy materials for Montessori class

b. Underwrite expense for our representative to help in readying school for opening

8. The Ark 9550.

Continuing contribution to agency providing emergency assistance to people in need

9. Rent for new mother facing eviction

Reimbursement of food costs is provided for Emmanuel's two faithful cooking teams at Our Daily Bread. Each team prepares and serves a hearty, healthy lunch in the Athens Urban Ministries quarters, only recently renovated.

Thanksgiving Dinner is a great occasion: a full holiday feast is taken to shut-Ins and served in the Common Room for all who come. It is a major project participated in by parishioners of all

ages and others from the area who deliver, serve or act as hosts to our guests. Months of planning and preparation by our gifted and tireless leader, Lena Watkins, are key to the continuing success of the dinner, enjoyed by hundreds each year.

Sponsorship and promotion of two Red Cross blood drives annually is an effort our committee is encouraging and hopes to make successful.

Use of the Broomfield Fund, designated for “the sick and crippled children of Clarke County,” continues to grow. This year we have been able to furnish materials for a wheelchair ramp for a handicapped child, while a Prince Avenue Baptist group provided design and labor; to modify and equip a used van with a wheelchair lift for a boy with spina bifida; pay for eye examinations and glasses for numbers of children; arrange and pay for dental care for several others; have prescriptions filled; underwrite the cost of counseling for a child living with her parents at the Homeless Shelter; and furnish the Ark with a \$2000 grant to serve their young clients with medical needs.

Serving on the committee in 2002 are Gillian Ball, June Ball, Jane Bowen, Mandy Brady, Mary Compton, Ann Darby, Carol Downs, Charlotte Leedy, Janice Rusk, and Gene Weeks. Our adopted theme hymn is

Here I am, Lord, it Is I, Lord,
I have heard you calling In the night.
I will go, Lord, if you need me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

We welcome all who may like to join us!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Coplin (706/546-1546)

for the Missions and Outreach Committee

EMMANUEL THRIFT HOUSE

The Emmanuel Thrift House located at 450 Prince Ave. (next door to the church) ended its fifth year of operations on September 30, 2002.

Sales for the year were \$53,311.69 and expenses were \$24,317.73. Distributions made according to the votes of the Thrift House volunteers at the two semi-annual meetings amounted to \$28,850.00. Agencies serving the community, our missionaries in other lands, and Emmanuel Church projects were among the recipients of Thrift House grants.

There are tremendous opportunities for even greater outreach through the Thrift House, especially since the shop has a permanent home in a great location for the workers and the customers. Approximately 80 volunteers, mostly parishioners, both men and women, are involved in the work of the Thrift House. The biggest problem facing the Thrift House is that many of the workers have been at it for a long time and the success of the shop has increased the workload. These folks must have some relief. Without additional help, we will have to cut back on the shop hours rather than increasing them!

Janet Griffith, Vice-Chairman, is filling in until Linda Ford takes over as Chairman in January 2003. The Secretary is Susan Hodgson. The Treasurer duties were turned over to Karen Holland in the church office in April 2002. Nancy Jacobson serves as liaison between the shop and the Treasurer. The Stock committee and the Pricing Committee do a fantastic job of taking care of their duties and managing any related situations that arise.

Work with the Thrift House is fun and a great way to get to know people. New volunteers are always welcome and the opportunities to help are varied enough to fit almost anyone's schedule. The monetary results of the efforts are evident when the profits are disbursed; the personal satisfaction is experienced through the community that is built among the workers and with the customers.

Janet Griffith

Vice-Chairman

Thrift House Financial Statement

October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002

Income – Sales \$53,311.69

Expenses

Rent 12,000.00

Cleaning & window washing 1,787.15

Bell South – telephone 860.68

Georgia Power – electricity 1,993.03

Georgia Natural Gas 767.18

Potter's House – TH share of water & sewer 243.25

Misc supplies, postage and office expense 415.66

Advertising – Banner-Herald and Flagpole 1,300.63

Bookcase, handtruck, stool, keys 135.69

Blount Mechanical 1 yr service contract 220.00

Georgia sales tax 4,342.72

Athens-Clarke County business license 50.00

Fire extinguisher service 102.74

Paid Tuesday worker 99.00

Total Expenses \$24,317.73

Profit – Twelve Months (October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002) \$28,993.96

Cash in Checking Account, October 1, 2001 \$13,028.48

Available for Distribution \$42,022.44

Less Distributions of October 2001 & April 2002 General Meetings

The Ark 2,000.00

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank 2,000.00

Athens Area Homeless Shelter 1,500.00

ACCA – Home delivered meals 3,000.00

The Rev. Pere Bruno – Bethlehem Ministry 2,000.00

Rt. Rev. Samson O. Babalola 2,500.00

Quad State Children's Theater 500.00

East Georgia Chapter – American Red Cross 2,000.00

Club Mid After School Program 500.00

East Georgia Chapter – Nancy Travis House 1,000.00
Episcopal Relief Fund for 9/11/01 Disaster 1,000.00
Athens Nurses Clinic 2,000.00
Athens Tutorial 500.00
Our Daily Bread 500.00
Open Heart Center, Inc. 500.00
Sarah Fisher 950.00
American Cancer Society 500.00
Emmanuel Church – St. Francis Guild 1,500.00
St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church 1,000.00
Emmanuel Church – Oconee Hills Cemetery 1,500.00
Paul D’Haiti mission trip (held in restricted savings) 1,000.00
Bobby Simmons 900.00
Total Distributions \$28,850.00

Cash in Checking Account on September 30, 2002 \$13,172.44
Cash in Savings – Unrestricted \$ 1,231.84
Cash in Savings – Restricted (Paul D’Haiti) \$ 1,000.00

WILLIAMS-RHODES SCREENING COMMITTEE

The membership of the WR Committee, their 'type of representation' and their terms are:

Name Representing Term

Scott Shaw Chair 2003

Chuck Galis Parish 2005

Cathi Shinn Parish 2003

Claire Baxter Parish 2005

Gloria Kibbe Sams Parish 2003

Duncan Krause Vestry 2003

Suzanne Bennett Thrift House 2003

Gillian Ball Outreach 2003

During the period October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, 32 applications were approved to receive grants totaling \$110,560. The recipients were:

ACC Heritage Foundation

Action Inc

AIDS Coalition of NE Georgia

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank

Athens Area Homeless Shelter

Athens Recovery Ministries

Athens Regional Attention Home

Christwalk Ministries

Community Connection Athens Justice Project

Emmanuel Stephen Ministry

Emmanuel Youth Acolyte Program

Emmanuel Youth Pilgrimages

Food Bank of NE Georgia

Georgia Options

Girls Scouts of NE Georgia

Haiti- School at Limonade and Cap Hatien

Joyce Ervin Open Heart Center

NE Georgia Homeless Coalition

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

Ricky and Ronnie Fulcher Missions

Rural Outreach Center

Salvation Army

SANE

Sara Fisher

Stonehenge Youth Assn

Success by 6 Initiative

The Healing Place

The Work of Our Hands

YMCA

YWCO

In addition \$8,327 was provided to the rector's discretionary fund and \$41,634 went to funding Emmanuel's building and maintenance.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FROM THE EPISCOPAL CENTER

The Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia 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 celebrate Holy Eucharist at 5 PM on Wednesdays when school is in session, and at 7 PM during the summers. Over the course of my three and a half years, we've had many guests preside and preach. Our weekly Wednesday Eucharist continues to be our best attended offering.

During Fall 2002, we have averaged 65, and have seen well over 75 students several times this semester. Our high attendance of the year was August 21, 2002 – our first Eucharist of the Semester. 78 students attended. The great news about this is that we've steadily grown as

a congregation during my three and a half years at the Episcopal Center. We started with an average of 34 students in the Fall of 1999. Our average was in the upper 40s in the Fall of 2000, and in the 50s in the Fall of 2001. Our increased attendance also presents us with a dilemma as we are outgrowing our current space.

During the Spring of 2002, students continued to pour in. We saw an average Wednesday attendance in the 60s. Ash Wednesday was our highest attended service of Spring semester and the year at over 100. For the last three years, I have held Wednesday services during the summer academic terms. In the Summer of 2002, we saw 17-30 students attending?up from Summer 2001's 12-22.

Preparation for Weekly Eucharist

Students regularly participate in our worship life. We have a regular rotation of acolytes, lay readers, oblationers and altar guild. They set up for services, do linens, polish brass and furniture, and they do an excellent job at it all. Five or six students provide music for worship. I meet with them weekly to select music.

Weekly meals

Following our Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist, we serve a meal. We provide the meal without cost for students. My wife, Kiezha Smith Ferrell, has been instrumental in preparing food for us. We served for 40 or more most of the year. Students regularly help prepare and clean up meals. This year, Emmanuel parishioners Scott and Beth Shaw and Phil and Frances Gibson have helped us by periodically preparing meals for us. We both appreciate their efforts greatly.

Christian Ed

Students participate in Christian Education (in spite of the fact that we don't call it that).

Confirmation classes? Bishop Alexander will visit the Episcopal Center at UGA on January of 2003, and in preparation, Confirmation Classes began in October. Currently, fifteen students are participating. The course focused on the Sacraments and gave students a basic understanding of the Episcopal Church. Parenthetically, fifteen students were confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirmed their Baptismal vows when Bishop Alexander visited in January of 2002.

Book studies? In the Spring Semester of 2001, we offered book studies on the book, "Things Seen and Unseen" by Nora Gallagher. This Fall, a book study of Anne Lamott's book "Travelling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith".

Pastoral Care of Students

Students spend lots of time at the center. Lots of pastoral care time is spent just by hanging out and talking with students in the center. 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 two years I heard several confessions, and I met often with students with specific pastoral needs.

Vocational Discernment

As in previous Spring Breaks, I used spring break 2002 to take students to seminaries. I took five students (Joe Greene, Patrick Skutch, Bonny Roach, Eliza Underwood, and Brooke Heller) on a voyage during spring break which included a visit to General (New York), and Virginia Theological Seminary.

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 four persons including the Revs. Nancy Baxter, Lori Lowe, and Brian Sullivan. During the 2001-2002 school year, we had one student participating in this program from the UGA chaplaincy. Mr. Joe Greene was recommended by the DYVE process and by the COM. He was made postulant by Bishop Alexander, meaning he's been approved for seminary.

Currently, (Fall 2002) six students from the chaplaincy are participating in the DYVE process – Leigh Preston, Beth Allgood, Brooke Heller, Kenny Hosley, Todd Bruce, and Ryan DeLoach. Six of the ten students currently participating in the DYVE process are from the UGA chaplaincy – many more than the other chaplaincies of the Diocese of Atlanta. During my tenure, five students have been recommended for postulancy from the UGA chaplaincy. They are Joshua Condon (senior at Virginia Theological Seminary), Timothy Burger (Junior at General Theological Seminary), Patrick Skutch (Junior at General Theological Seminary), Mariclair Partee (starting seminary Fall 2003), and Joseph Greene III (starting seminary Fall 2003).

Chaplain's on campus involvement

I was regularly involved on campus over the last two years. I spent time at the Tate Center with students several times. I had lunch with students on campus several times, and I have been an active participant in the Campus Ministry Association.

Chaplain's involvement at Emmanuel

I have preached roughly once a month, attended weekly staff meetings, and I have presided at Eucharist almost weekly. I help weekly with hospital visits. I have helped with Baptismal preparation for families of infants. I offered premarital preparation and Weddings for many couples.

One of the major ways I've been involved at Emmanuel is through the Acolyte ministry. I've continued to help Leslie DeHaseth and I continued to help train acolytes. This Fall, I am offering a Christian Education class on "Things Seen and Unseen" by Nora Gallagher.

Reconstruction of Facilities

In April of 2002, the outside of our facility was completely repainted. Students did the majority of the work, and the outside of our facilities look great. The inside of our facility has also been repainted over the last year. In May, students helped me rebuild a 14 foot section of our front porch that had been destroyed by water damage.

In summary, so much has happened over the last year that I am quite sure that I am leaving things out. It has been my pleasure to serve as University of Georgia Chaplain, and it has been a pleasure to serve at Emmanuel as a part of that position. My journey here in Athens over these last three and a half years has been a pleasant one. I thank you for your prayerful support as we continue our journey.

Sean+

The Rev. Sean D. Ferrell, Chaplain

Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia

RESOURCES COMMISSION

ARCHITECTURAL, GIFTS, AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The AGM committee has a long history of helping keep Emmanuel Church as God's Holy Place. It also provides a tangible way for us to give thanks to God for special people or events in our lives. As we look around Emmanuel, we see reminders everywhere. During 2003, as you recognize God's love and glory in your life, consider giving a gift or memorial. The AGM committee maintains a list of suitable memorials and special needs. If interested, call a member of the committee or talk with the clergy. Your gift, large or small, will be a link in the continuous celebration of God's love at Emmanuel.

Activities of the committee during 2002 are summarized below.

Architecture:

- Drawings have been prepared to modify steps up to the lectern and add railings, for increased safety. Bids are being taken.
- An overall schematic drawing has been prepared for furniture arrangement in the parlor redecorating project, and the search continues for a suitable rug so that the remainder of the plan can begin.

- A “parlor use” statement was developed to guide the committee as it continues work on parlor redecorating:

Guide for our Parlor Redecoration

The parlor is Emmanuel’s receiving room to the public as well as a gathering room for small groups to meet, work, and study. At present it is the location for adult Sunday school classes and a liturgy for young children. It is also the place where bereaved families gather before funerals; brides and bridal parties prepare for weddings; small public receptions are held; and committees meet.

There should be a quality of quiet beauty in the room that is inviting to those who use it. A comfortable arrangement of furniture and lighting should provide flexibility for the various activities held there. Group size is typically about 18 adults or 12 supervised children at any one time. The needs of the various groups require seating for up to 18 and a large “parlor table” with chairs for about 8.

- Parish members who wish to make a memorial gift for the parlor are invited to contact any AGM committee member to review the needs.
- Two stone markers are being prepared for the Emmanuel Sesquicentennial Terrace. One is given by Patti and Jack Curtis in memory of their mothers and the second in honor of the Emmanuel Thrift House for the donation to cover costs in laying the terrace stones.

Gifts:

- A teak wood bench and two armchairs were purchased for the Emmanuel Sesquicentennial Terrace. They will be installed as soon as bolts are added to secure them to the terrace foundation.
- Five round tables and a storage rack were purchased for the common room and are now in use.
- The family of Margaret Broun agreed to the sale of the Broun piano, and the proceeds were placed in the parlor fund at the request of the family.

Memorials:

- Those who have been remembered with memorial gifts between January 1 and October 1, 2002 are Martha Allen, James A. Carlisle, H. Randolph Holder, Mary Horvat, John A. Hunnicutt III, Frazier Moore, Braxton Rowe, Jr., Betty Strong, and Ruby Sullivan.
- Memorial stones in the All Saints Terrace have been added for James Lester Sexton, Margaret Broun, and Martha Allen. A stone marking the founding date, 1999 A. D. has also been added.
- Memorial stones are being prepared for Dr. Manuel Alexander, H. Randolph Holder, and John A. Hunnicutt, III.
- In response to a request from the Flower Guild, two pairs of vases have been ordered to

complete the range of sizes and shapes needed. One pair is given in memory of Laura Ann Segrest; the second, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Roberts.

- Purchase of a memorial antique credenza was approved for the Franklin Ferguson memorial, to be placed in the nave under the Apostles window, replacing a smaller table. Funds for this purchase have been obligated from gifts given in his memory and are in escrow in the General Memorial Account.
- Gifts in memory of the Mangleburgs and Beth Parker also remain in escrow until the proper memorials can be located.
- A birdbath from Jenny and Buddy Broadnax in memory of Beth Parker has been accepted for the St. Francis Garden.

Other actions:

- The AGM committee members regretfully received the resignation of Peggy Allen during the summer. Her contributions to the committee have been enormous. To complete her unexpired term, the vestry elected Jenny Broadnax. Her term will continue until December 2005.
- A letter of appreciation was sent to Tudi Roberts for her talent, time, and enduring dedication over the past five years in guiding the redecoration efforts in the parlor.
- Information about using the Emmanuel plot for interment of ashes in Oconee Hill Cemetery is being developed, with a review of the original agreement between Emmanuel Church and the cemetery trustees. Names are recorded on the memorial plaque in the west vestibule.
- Archival information concerning AGM operating procedures is being collected. Records of past memorial gifts are being organized and updated for the church archives.
- A revised and updated list of suitable memorials has been prepared and submitted to the vestry. Parishioners interested in giving a memorial are encouraged to contact the clergy or a member of the AGM committee.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee members:

Jenny Broadnax, Bobby Gibson, Ann Scoggins, Allan Stovall, John Waters, Bob Wood. Peg Wood, Chair

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 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 Trustee. Trustees are appointed by the Vestry for four year terms. Trustees currently serving for the year 2002 are: James A. Bowers, Jr., John F. Coplin, Robert E. Gibson, B. Amrey Harden, Gene Weeks, and Norman J. Wood.

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, 2002 are:

General Fund \$ 707,753

Rhodes Trust \$1,135,036

Williams Trust \$3,553,543

Special Funds \$ 854,105

TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUND \$6,250,437.00

The following are distributions to Emmanuel Church for the period October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002:

General Fund \$21,293.20

(distributed to Church as budgeted income)

Rhodes Trust \$40,867.30

Williams Trust \$126,446.19

\$167,313.49

(distributed by vestry upon recommendations of the Williams Rhodes Screening Committee)

Special Funds (see schedule below) \$15,483.24

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS \$204,089.93

Balances in Special Funds

Altar Guild Fund

Cella Mae Finlay McLerov \$468.52

Clifford L. McLeroy \$216.26

Mildred Rhodes for McLeroy \$1,838.21

Mildred V. Rhodes \$4,595.53

Elizabeth V. Williams \$4,595.53

St. Martha's Chapter \$2,000.40

Leighton M. Ballew \$4,307.17

Total Altar Guild Fund \$18,0212.62

VonderLieth and McLeroy Memorial Rooms \$14,449.57

Rhodes Education of a Priest \$66,444.79

Emma Long-Rector's Discretionary Fund \$512.46

Jenny Smith Fund for the Poor of Athens \$6,747.30

Leighton M. Ballew Fund \$220,305.04

(discretion of vestry , especially outreach
and Haitian scholarships)

Edith W. Joelson Fund \$114,535.48

(for needy people wherever located)

Mildred Lyles Dearing Fund \$263,861.01

(discretion of the Vestry)

James Lester Sexton Music Fund \$10,249.26

James C. Bloomfield Memorial Fund \$138,978.47

(for sick and crippled children)

TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS \$854,105.00

Note: Included above is the Sexton Cemetery Fund, 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 balance in the fund to date is \$45,963.44.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee is responsible for the major maintenance and repairs of all the church properties and the included equipment. Routine maintenance is usually handled on a daily basis by the office staff. The buildings and grounds used by the Parish include the Church property and offices, Parlor, Parish building, Christian Connection, Youth and Meeting houses and Music building. In addition, the Parish owns the Cobb house and the Outreach building (old Bell's store). These facilities are used for outreach projects and house the Pope Street Association, The Potter's House, Emmanuel Thrift House and Community Connection. The Athens Realtors lease the building on Prince Avenue from the church.

Major maintenance projects for 2002 have included:

- *Completion of renovations in the vacant space in the Outreach building now occupied by Community Connection
- *Major pruning of trees along Pope Street

Projects that are presently active:

- *Installation of cooling system for the kitchen
- *Repainting of the upper floor of the Christian Connection and replacing the carpet
- *Replacement and addition of signage around the property
- *Reviewing the alarm system

The major focus of the committee in conjunction with the Long Range Planning

Committee has been the redesign of the parking area with possible relocation of Pope Street and design plans for an addition to the church. This addition would include an expanded Nave, new space for adult classes, relocation of the Nursery, expanded staff space and enclosed access from these areas to the front of the Church. We have been working with a local planner Rob Fisher and the architectural firm Serber Barber and Hertlein out of Atlanta. Included within the scope of this project is the evaluation of the Cobb House, Youth and Meeting Houses for renovation. This is an ongoing project involving many aspects of our Parish life and definitive plans have not been made.

THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The shelf list for the older material is now complete, although accessions of old material continue to be given by thoughtful parishioners. As anticipated, the collection is becoming a storage of records as they are retired from active use in the administration of the parish. In

the coming year, Archives Committee members will be working on a schedule for retiring the current office files and a plan to preserve electronic files.

At present we can barely walk inside our little room as new materials arrive and are therefore in urgent need of a larger space. The Long-Range Planning Committee is aware of the critical space needs of the Archives. The Archives Committee has also lobbied the Vestry for more immediate relief, but none is forthcoming.

Naomi Norman has replaced Charles Beaumont as lead volunteer.

Sheryl Vogt

GUILD OF SAINT FRANCIS

Founded in 1972, this small group of gardeners have developed a large portion of Emmanuel's grounds.

Completion of the blue stone terrace has been this past year's project. Shrubs and perennials have been planted and ground cover nurtured under the old water oak. Dr. and Mrs. Norman Wood have given the Parish a magnificent piece of statuary rendered by Dr. William Thompson. Mary and baby Jesus are mounted on marble in the rear center of the area. The Parish architectural committee will install a pair of teak benches. The guild members will provide large pots, flower laden. We anticipate this area will become an area of great pleasure and rest in the years to come.

Our support comes from interested, caring Parishioners, spring and fall plant sales, the Thrift House and memorial gifts. We truly need your financial gifts and appreciate your continuing concern.

Peggy Allen

David Kidd

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL COMMISSION

In 1982 Emmanuel Episcopal Day School was founded with two classes. We now have eight classes bustling with pre-school activity. We continue to meet the stringent criteria for accreditation by the National Association for the Education for Young Children and our accreditation was extended again last year for another three years.

Our new director, Amy Wraga, has assembled an outstanding, highly qualified and loving staff.

With our small student-teacher ratio our teachers are able to truly nurture and stimulate each child.

Through our pizza fundraiser EEDS provides scholarship money for our sister school in Haiti. Largely through funds raised by our PTO we were able to complete a new playscape on the lower playground behind the nursery. The children at school and on Sundays have really enjoyed the new equipment.

Thanks to all who contribute to this ministry for God's precious children. We are lucky to have such a wonderful school.

Laura Cofer

EEDS Commission Chair

Amy Wraga

Director