



Emmanuel Volunteer Ministries, 2011



Verger and acolytes lead the Palm Sunday procession

There are many ways to serve God through Emmanuel using the time and talents with which you've been blessed. This list suggests some four dozen volunteer opportunities. If you're ready to step up or are merely curious, we'd like to talk with you. Please call the church office staff (706) 543-1294, visit our website, www.emmanuelathens.org, or get started with an email connection with the Vestry members and staff who are listed below.

Worship Commission

Vestry: Mary Moore mary.moore@charter.net and Sandy Jarrett sandy1070@gmail.com

Acolytes	Adults and youth assist clergy with Sunday celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other special liturgies
Altar Guild	Assist the clergy in preparing for the celebration of Eucharist and other sacraments
Baptismal Banner	Create banners to give newly baptized a tangible memory of their baptism
Eucharist Ministers	Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion
Lectors	Proclaim the lessons from Scripture and lead Prayers of the People
Flower Guild	Prepare flower arrangements for the church
Music, Choir	Adults and children of all skill levels provide music in support of the liturgy
Ushers	Assist the clergy and congregation as ministers of hospitality and help guide the flow of the liturgy
Verger	Lay person who assists the ordering of religious services
Wedding Committee	Assist the officiating priest with all arrangements for the wedding ceremony and also assist the wedding party and guests with their participation in the Wedding Liturgy



The Emmanuel choir, shown here with Diocese of Atlanta Bishop Neil Alexander, leads congregational singing and performs a wide variety of anthems to support the liturgy

Pastoral Care Commission

Vestry: Carol Bowles, carolbowles@bellsouth.net



Angels are among us, and not just at Christmas

Agape Meals	Provide meals to parishioners who need them
Charioteers	Assist members in need of transportation
Eucharistic Visitors	Administer communion to the homebound
Health Ministry	Provide spiritual mindfulness through health and wellness awareness
Prayer Chain Ministry	Provide daily intercessory prayer for those with long-term needs
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Knit God's love, care, and warmth into shawls for those who need them
Stephen Ministry	Offer a one-to-one caring ministry from trained, caring lay people for persons experiencing difficulties in their journey through life

Communications Commission

Vestry: Dee Forester, deliahf@bellsouth.net

The Tower	Mail a monthly newsletter of information, stories and essays; a voice for the Emmanuel community www.emmanuelathens.org Maintain and present Web information regarding church activities, liturgy, people, and ministries; currently revising and expanding the website
Communication	Sponsor lecture series for the public and the parish; publish weekly parish e-letter; Twitter, Facebook, Sunday bulletins; advertising in local media; audio-visual team, photographers and videographers

Spiritual Formation Commission

Vestry: Curt Collier, harrisiv@bellsouth.net and Matt Humphrey, stock@negia.net

Staff: Georgia Collier, georgiacollier50@yahoo.com and Father Edwin Beckham, associaterector@emmanuelathens.org

Nursery	Nursery workers provide care and nurture to our youngest parishioners up to age 3 from, 8:15 a.m. until noon on Sundays and as needed for other programs at church; no formal curriculum but we offer toys and faith book stories about Noah's Ark, the creation story
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	A Christian formation process for children ages 3-12 years in which they form an authentic, faithful relationship with God
Formation for Youth	Young people in grades 6 -12 journey toward adulthood in 2-year cohort-groups --Rite 13, Journey to Adulthood (J2A), Young Adults in Church (YAC)—learning and practicing Christian discipleship in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition within an intentional community of peers and committed, volunteer adult mentors, with close attention to the unique joys and challenges encountered by adolescents and teenagers in today's world
Natural Spirituality	Several groups meet weekly to explore incorporation of the inner life—dreams and meaningful coincidences-synchronicity—into the Christian life, guided by tools of Jungian psychology
Adult Formation	Between Sunday liturgies many adults gather over coffee for formal Formation presentations or informal discussion of topics of the day. Others have participated in such events as a 6-8 week study of the scriptures used in the wedding ceremony, or a book on contemporary spirituality. Some commit to weekly small-group reflection and study using the "Companions In Christ" series; others to a Monday morning Bible study of the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. At least once a year the clergy offer an 8-10 week Inquirer's Course for anyone seeking a deeper connection with the Episcopal/Anglican tradition
Athens Episcopal Young Adults	Intentional exploration of Christian community for those 19-35, whether student or young professional, single or couples, from varied backgrounds and regardless of location along the pilgrimage of faith. Gather three times a month—Sunday brunch, a weeknight 'theology conversation' in a pub setting, and candlelit Compline (night prayer); also use social media to explore shared devotional practices



Vacation Bible School leaders join a happy student sporting her new t-shirt



Super'Lites on their annual trek to supervise the changing of colors for North Georgia's fall foliage

Parish Life Commission

Vestry: Beverly Sligh, bevsligh@charter.net

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

A national organization for men for Christian, study, prayer, service to others, and fellowship
Prepare and serve meals for planned parish events, now including lunch for all after 10:30 Eucharist on *the second Sunday of most months*

Holy Cookers

Provide refreshments and organize parish pot lucks, etc. for special events throughout the year

Receptions

Fellowship Dinners

Groups of 6-10 form to share home or restaurant meals, conversation, and fellowship, some all adults and some also with children

Sunday Refreshments

Coffee and pastry fall-spring, lemonade in summer

Super'Lites

Opportunities for "mellow" 55 and older parishioners to share meals, events, and outings

Welcome Committee

Offer welcome to all visitors and parishioners prior to the Sunday liturgies

The annual parish potluck picnic at the Kemp family farm has included horses and sheep, live music, fishing, field games, convivial laughter and slow-cooked BBQ and hash



Resources Commission

Vestry, Sean Hogan, sean@hoganbuilders.com

Committees such as the Guild of St. Francis and other volunteers give oversight and ad hoc, hands-on support to caring for Emmanuel's campus facilities, landscaping and grounds, maintenance, and property management



Granddaughter and grandfather enjoy shining the pulpit on clean-up day

Extended Ministries Commission

Vestry: Junior Warden Marty Kemp, kemp9161@bellsouth.net

"Missions and Extended Ministries Committee" focuses Emmanuel support locally, nationally and globally for needful children, the homeless and other parish concerns as they arise

Emmanuel Thrift House

Collect and sell gently used clothing and donate all proceeds to organizations within the Athens community

Interfaith Hospitality Network

With 12 other Athens congregations, Emmanuel provides overnight housing and meals to suddenly homeless families with children, up to 14 people, one week each quarter

Refugee Ministry

Emmanuel volunteers provide support services to ethnic Karen refugee families from Burma who've located to the Athens area to begin new lives



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew prepares 100 weekend sack meals for "Our Daily Bread" ministry in the Emmanuel kitchen



Emmanuel parishioners have helped fund and build two Habitat for Humanity homes in Athens

Northeast GA Food Bank Combats hunger in Northeast Georgia by acquiring and distributing food which would otherwise be wasted and increases awareness concerning the plight of those suffering the effects of hunger and poverty

Our Daily Bread Joining 26 area churches to offer hospitality and nutritious weekday and weekend meals to Athens-Clarke neighbors in need

Thanksgiving Dinner A community event for over 10 years, Emmanuel has helped feed hundreds of people on Thanksgiving Day, both at our church and by delivering meals to those who cannot make it to the church

Emmanuel's Missions and Extended Ministries recipients over the past three years have been beneficiaries of over \$1,000,000. Among the most recent were:


- ♦ The Episcopal church school in Limonade, Haiti
- ♦ The ARK united ministry to help Athens area neighbors weather sudden financial storms caused by illness, layoffs and catastrophes
- ♦ The Healing Place overnight shelter for homeless and addicted men
- ♦ The Athens Nurses' Clinic which provides free health care to the homeless and uninsured
- ♦ Supplies for the American Red Cross
- ♦ Defibrillators for the Athens Community Council on Aging
- ♦ Support for children from families in need in order to attend YMCA after-school programs



Emmanuel youth and adults join religious communities from all over Georgia on the Hunger Walk/Run for the Atlanta Community Food Bank

Administrative Support Commission

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Finance Committee	Oversees Emmanuel expenditures, analyzes monthly statements and compares spending to the Vestry-approved budget, investigates insurance needs, presents provisional budget to the Vestry for their deliberations, works closely with the Emmanuel Treasurer	
Cornerstone Society	Sponsors educational activities and offers opportunities to promote long term giving and bequests of property and money through wills and estate planning	
Stewardship Team	Supporting stewardship as a personal ministry within the parish, promoting "biblical giving" of our time, talent and treasure—intentionally, regularly, generously, proportionally and cheerfully, and budgeted first from our resources, not last—recognizing we've been blessed with all our life's resources by an always loving God	

Many Karen refugee families receive extensive support of all kinds from Emmanuel parishioners

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