

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

THE EPISTLE

Sharing the Joy and Power of Life in Christ

July 2017



So what exactly is a deacon?

And what will Carter do while he is here?

Some of you may know the answers to these questions, some may not! But in order to get us all off to a good start, I thought it might be useful for us to review just what a deacon is.

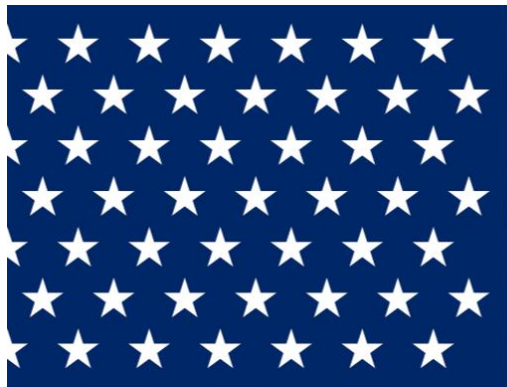
In the Episcopal Church, there are three orders of ordained ministry: bishops, priests, and deacons. Each group has specific duties, authority, and roles, with some overlap between them. When an individual feels a call to ordained ministry, one of the initial acts of discernment is to discover whether one feels called to be a priest or a deacon. For me, it was clear from the beginning that I was called to be a priest: I was to preside at the table, preach and teach the Gospel, care for God's people, and work with lay leaders to administer the church's work. For deacons—those called to be “vocational,” or permanent deacons, it is quite different. They most often have outside employment, and serve the church in an unpaid role, working to model servanthood to the church and to the world in a positive way. In the Catechism on page 856 of The Book of Common Prayer, the ministry of a deacon is defined as “...to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.” Deacons may preach, and their role in the Eucharist is to read the gospel, set the table, assist at communion and give the dismissal. They serve under the bishop, and so are placed into a church under his or her direction.

Carter went through the discernment process at Eastern Shore Chapel and at the diocesan level, and a call to the diaconate was affirmed. As a result he has been attending Deacon's School while also working fulltime and trying to have a life with his wife, children and grandchildren! His placement at Emmanuel will be for the next year (ending June 30, 2018), and he has certain requirements to fulfill while he is here. Since he is not yet ordained, he will not be fully functioning as a deacon, but he will preach, set the table at the Eucharist, lead some formation classes and work with outreach. How can you help him? By welcoming him to Emmanuel, supporting him in his ministry, and giving him useful feedback on his work here. (Not simply “I liked your sermon,” but “I liked your sermon because...”) In this way we'll help him to become a confident, well-rounded deacon of the church. So be sure to introduce yourself to Carter, and if you have any questions feel free to ask him or me!

Faithfully yours,
Mimi+

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Due to the fact that so many church activities take a break over the summer, there isn't much new to report! As a result, this will be the only Epistle for the month of July. If anything comes up it will be on the Fridge Page, on Emmanuel's Facebook page, and in the E-blast, so use those three outlets plus announcements on Sunday morning to keep up with the news.*

ANOTHER IMPORTANT NOTE: *Donna is moving! On July 21 she will relocate from her apartment in Chesapeake to Westminster-Canterbury. With this in mind, she will be taking off early some days to continue to organize, pack and prepare for the move. So be sure to give us a call before you stop by in the afternoons in July—I will probably be here, but it's always good to check. The church office will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.*



JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

8:30 a.m. – Red White and Blue Breakfast

9:15 a.m. – Bike, Trike, and Wagon Parade

10:00 a.m. – Patriotic Eucharist



Parish Life Commission is looking to organize a clean up committee. The volunteers would be responsible for putting tables and chairs away and helping out in the galley. Interested... speak to Mary Glynn or Matt LeClaire.

The Parish Life and Young Adults Commission will be forgoing their monthly commission meeting until October.

Opportunities for Formation

All photos and videos of VBS and other activities are on Emmanuel's Facebook page. Go to Emmanuel's website – emmanuelvb.com and click on the Facebook icon.



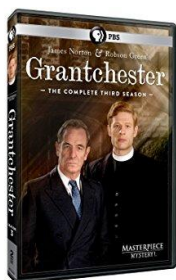
Nursery: from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Babies and toddlers can safely play in our large nursery.

Children's Formation: Children's Formation will resume in September.

Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel will resume in September.

GRANTCHESTER SUMMER DISCUSSION SERIES



Grantchester season 3 debuts in the US at the end of this month. Since the last two seasons have garnered such great discussions, we'd like to offer the opportunity again for this season! The discussion series will be on Wednesday evenings beginning August 2 and run for 6 weeks. There will be "Simple Supper" at 6:00 p.m. then show and discussion at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up in the Parish Hall.

PARISH RETREAT 2018 - SAVE THE DATE

THE DATE FOR THE PARISH RETREAT NEXT YEAR IS MAY 11-13. GET IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!



CHRYSLER MUSEUM TOUR SATURDAY, JULY 8



Join us on Saturday, July 8, on a tour with Diann Nickelsburg at the Chrysler Museum of Art to see *Thomas Hart Benton and the Navy*, including paintings from the USS Dorado and Doug McClure's life-sized photographs of *The Shipyard Workers of Hampton Roads*. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to share a ride or meet at the museum at 10:00 a.m. Sign up in the parish hall.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast is July 8, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up in the Parish Hall.

FAITH IN FICTION



Next meeting: Tuesday, July 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library

Faith in Fiction is a group that enjoys reading and discussing novels. We focus on the spiritual thread and/or social consciousness running through the story line of a novel. Anyone who has read the book is welcome. Our book for July is *China Dolls* by Lisa See. The author of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *Peony in Love*, and *Shanghai Girls* has garnered international acclaim for her great skill at rendering the intricate relationships of women and the complex meeting of history and fate.

Future Books: August - *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Varghese

September - *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

PIANO DEDICATION RECITAL

A dedication recital for Emmanuel's vintage 1941 Steinway grand piano will be offered Sunday afternoon, August 20, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Lynne Coates, Janet White, Ashley Bohm, Alex Mason, and Bobby Sullivan will provide a variety of music selections.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NEXT FOOD PANTRY JULY 31-AUGUST 4

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Thank you for all the donations of shoe boxes! We do not need any more for this year.

We do need crayons, children's socks, small notebooks, yoyos and pencils. Please call Karyln Chafee if you have any questions (486-1169).

BEACH BAG NEWS



School is out for the summer! Although we won't be delivering bags again until September, you can help us stockpile supplies for the fall by picking up an item or two each time you shop this summer. We have plenty of room in the closet to store things you bring on Sundays. The items we typically need to purchase are the shelf ready milk boxes, the main courses (Mac 'n cheese, ravioli, Vienna sausages) and 100% juice boxes. All donations are welcomed however.

- Individual cereal boxes
- 8 oz. cartons of shelf stable milk (Horizon organic is one brand that works)
- Individual mac 'n cheese, ravioli, tuna, chicken, soups etc.
- Individual fruit cups or pudding cups
- 100% juice boxes
- Individual snack items (granola bars, raisins, snack crackers, chips, pretzels etc.)

Be a Life Saver this Summer Give Blood, Give Life

Tuesday, August 1st 2:00-7:00 PM

You are eligible to donate during this drive if you last gave on or before June 7, 2017.

Sign up today at www.redcrossblood.org, enter sponsor code **emmepis**. There are many convenient appointment slots from 2:30 - 7:15pm. "Double Red" donors: please sign up in the Double Red appointment slots. Blood type "O" is eligible to give Double Red.

Save time when you arrive at the drive.

Use **RapidPass** to read and complete the pre-screening portion of your visit. Complete it *on the day of the drive* at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass then bring the pass, either printed or on your mobile device, to your appointment.



Volunteers are also needed for registration and in the canteen.

To help Out: Contact Martha Hufford Mdbhufford@aol.com or 589-5356 (cell)

FINANCIAL REPORT through May 2017

	MTD Actual	MTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
All Income	\$ 36,838.32	\$ 43,513.98	\$ 211,724.73	\$ 219,942.92
Expenses	\$ 37,977.09	\$ 43,513.98	\$ 193,333.85	\$ 218,356.84
Net	\$ (1,138.77)		\$ 18,390.88	\$ 1,586.08
Pledge Update:	77 of 175 pledges are behind for a total of \$17,756.27			
Mortgage Balance:	\$210,250.43			



Audio versions of Mother Mimi's sermons are available for listening on the website emmanuelvb.com/sermons.php

Transitions: Our deepest sympathy to the Vermillion and Donahue families on the death of Meghan Vermillion Donahue, daughter of our former rector the late Michael Vermillion.

Please pray for:

Peace in the world; Mimi our rector, Howard our retired clergy, in their daily life and work.

Please pray for: Loretta, Maggie, Emily, June, Herb, James, Bennett, Wendy, Janie, Dorothy, Martha, Marti, Kim, Nancy, Maryellen, Zeno, Glynnis, Pat, Garrett, and Cynthia.

All those in our armed forces and their families at home and abroad: Josh, Brandon, Nathan, Mike, Wesley Jimmy, Justin, Elly, Ron, and Scott

Those in prison: Aki, Anthony, James, John.

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Schedule – July 2, 2017

8:00 a.m.

LAY READER: Paul Peter
USHER: Okie Thompson
COFFEE HOUR HOST: Ken Eastwood
VESTRY GREETER: Clarissa Ernest
WELCOMERS: Barb Acela, Nancy Snell

10:00 a.m.

LAY READERS: Loretta Mann, Diann Nickelsburg, Phil Slough
USHERS: Suzanne Pugh, John & Debbie Vance
ACOLYTES: Townsend Larmore (SS), Ian Larmore (C), Alyssa Gardner (TB), Jaqelynn Gardner (TB)
HEALING MINISTERS: Donna Lewis, Patty Rapp
VESTRY GREETER: Marianne Manning
COFFEE HOUR HOST: Steve Chandler

WELCOMERS: Craig & Lori Brashears
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: Alison Leclaire
COUNTERS: (7/3) Dick Wilk, Loretta Jensen, Bill Clegg, Carole Seal, Ray Lewis
ALTAR GUILD: (7/1-7/14) Marti & Dave Mansfield, Marlyn Lam, Beth Orr, Pam Abadie
FLOWER GUILD (7/2) Ruth Bates, Joan Maher, Judy Totten

Schedule – July 9, 2017

8:00 a.m.

LAY READER: Dick Wilk
USHER: John McKee
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: John & Marlyn Lam
VESTRY GREETER: Diann Nickelsburg
WELCOMERS: Bob Roberts & Virginia Everett

10:00 a.m.

LAY READERS: Betty Schindler, Elaine Shrader
USHERS: Jim & Becky Maxey, Laurry Rodman
ACOLYTES: Lauren Sutton (SS), Lydia Marsh (C), Elise Marsh (TB), Gabby Duesberry (TB)
HEALING MINISTERS: Bob Larmore, Elaine Shrader
VESTRY GREETER: Steve Furman
COFFEE HOUR HOST: Betty Snellenberg

WELCOMERS: Gary & Linda Ardison
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: James Carver
COUNTERS: (7/10) Bill O'Connor, Tom Sugg, Mary Lynn & Phil Slough
ALTAR GUILD: (7/1-7/14) Marti & Dave Mansfield, Marlyn Lam, Beth Orr, Pam Abadie
FLOWER GUILD (7/9): Patty Rapp, Marianne Manning, Donna Lewis

Schedule – July 16 2017

8:00 a.m.

LAY READER: Joan Raybourn
USHER: Bill Smith
COFFEE HOUR HOST: Mary Fanshaw
VESTRY GREETER: Diann Nickelsburg
WELCOMERS: Jeff & Kathy Peters

10:00 a.m.

LAY READERS: Paul Peter, Joe Jerauld
USHERS: Jim & Sharon O'Meara, B.J. Jones
ACOLYTES: Jordan Strawbridge (SS), Sydney Strawbridge (C), Carson Strawbridge (TB), Wyatt Strawbridge (TB)
HEALING MINISTERS: Art & Loretta Mann
VESTRY GREETER: Diann Nickelsburg
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Darla & Steve Furman
WELCOMERS: Dwain Emry, Rose Lavinder

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: Dick Wilk
COUNTERS: (7/17) Martha Hufford, Nancy Snell, Lynne Coates, Gloria White
ALTAR GUILD: (7/15-7/28) Joan Maher, Ruth Bates, Paul Peter, Gloria White, Lisa Hahn
FLOWER GUILD: Patty Rapp, Marianne Manning, Donna Lewis

Schedule – July 23, 2017

8:00 a.m.

LAY READER: Betty Schindler

USHER: Bill Bosies

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Marti & Dave Mansfield

VESTRY GREETER: Doug Lewis

WELCOMERS: Nemo & Stacey Larmore

10:00 a.m.

LAY READERS: Ted Shrader, Mary Lynn Slough, Joe Stiles

USHERS: Diann & Mike Nickelsburg, Loretta Mann

ACOLYTES: Townsend Larmore (SS), Ian Larmore (C),

Amanda Von St. Paul (TB), Kelsey Martin (TB)

HEALING MINISTERS: Lynne Coates, Loretta Jensen

VESTRY GREETER: Doug Lewis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Portia & David Dinger

WELCOMER: Patricia Young

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS: James Carver, Dick Wilk or Walt Altice

COUNTERS: (7/24) George Chafee, Jim Glynn, Matt Lewandowski, Tom Summerlin

ALTAR GUILD: (7/15-7/28) Joan Maher, Ruth Bates, Paul Peter, Gloria White, Lisa Hahn

FLOWER GUILD: Nancy Larmore, Garnett Shores, Betty Jean Clarke

Schedule – July 30, 2017

8:00 a.m.

LAY READER: Elaine Shrader

USHER: Arun Raju

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Ken Eastwood

VESTRY GREETER: Jon Osborn

WELCOMERS: Barb Acela, Nancy Snell

10:00 a.m.

LAY READERS: Janet White, Delores Wilson

USHERS: Lisa Jerauld, Nina Joyner, Steve Furman

ACOLYTES: Jordan Strawbridge (SS), Sydney Strawbridge

(C), Wyatt Strawbridge (TB), Braydon Duesberry (TB)

HEALING MINISTERS: Pam Abadie, Bob Paull

VESTRY GREETER: Jon Osborn

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Mary & Jim Glynn

WELCOMERS: Mary Fanshaw, Susan Etheredge

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR: Alison Leclaire

COUNTERS: Dick Wilk, Loretta Jensen, Bill Clegg, Carole Seal, Ray Lewis

ALTAR GUILD: (7/29-8/11) Janet Thomas, Sallie Davis, Loretta Mann, Loretta Jensen, Tracie Filipich

FLOWER GUILD: Nancy Larmore, Garnett Shores, Betty Jean Clarke

Vestry Commission Reports

Next Vestry Meeting - August 15, 2017

Building and Grounds The Building and Grounds Commission is waiting for the final estimate for the upgrades to our security systems. We will have a new lawn maintenance service starting in July. We would like to thank Greg Goodman for all the time and effort he put into replacing our old light fixtures with new LED's, you should have noticed how much brighter the hallways, kitchen, and offices are with the new lights. All of the rain we have had lately has delayed the repairs to the headstones.

Norfolk Monuments has told us that they hoped to have them completed in the next couple of weeks. Erin Sutton is working with the city to have an "Episcopal Church Welcomes You" sign installed at the intersection of Witchduck Rd. and Singleton Way. Jon Osborn is working on a plan for a Labyrinth (on the Green) we will have more on the size and location next month.

Christian Formation To those who missed our Parish Weekend, we missed you and you missed a beautiful weekend! There was a wonderful presentation on Native American Spirituality and the history of Chanco. Temperatures were great for water activities and the new boats. New and apparently VERY exciting zip lines were well used. The young ones had learning activities as well as lots of outdoor time with Misty Thomas and her helpers, Lydia Meredith, Jada Ramos and Josh Thomas. Mimi made a special trip for Eucharist and a bonfire while watching the sunset and the stars cannot be beat!

Communications No report

Day School. The Day School Commission met on Tuesday, June 6th. Enrollment is continuing to increase. We are not quite where we were last year at this time, but in good faith, we will continue to advertise. Karen Kearsse has several advertisements on social media and we have been getting more phone calls about tours. We are very excited to welcome our new teachers for the upcoming school year. Many of them will be working with our students at our day camps this summer. We had to say goodbye to our beloved group member, Anne Pontius who is moving to California. We are, however, pleased to welcome Ashley Bohm to our commission!! We will not be meeting in the month of July but will pick up where we left off on Tuesday, August 1st.

Finance Our May receipts continued to show a healthy balance of revenues over expenses. However, partly because of Memorial Day weekend, and partly because of there being only four, rather than five, Sundays in May, the shortfall of year-to-date revenue to budget increased from a very modest \$1,345.57 to \$8,280.74. Other items in the financial statements are generally on track. Of concern to the Finance Commission, there are still 77 pledges who are behind for the year and we urge that they bring their pledges up to date before it becomes more difficult to do so. We anticipate some fall-off in revenue during the summer, and urge all who can to continue their support for Emmanuel.

Inreach Inreach is planning a meeting for all ministries sometime in late July.

Liturgical No report

Outreach No report

Parish Life/Young Adults From what we have been told the Parish Picnic was a great success! Thank you to all of the volunteers that set up the event, cooked, organized games, and cleaned up on a very warm day. Thanks again to Bobby and "The Good Times Band." Please join Parish Life and the Young Adults Commissions' for the annual 4th of July breakfast, parade, and service. On Tuesday July 4th starting at 0830 we will be serving waffles, bacon, and fruit parfaits. The bike parade begins at 0915, so decorate your ride in red, white, and blue. A patriotic service will be held at 1000. For veterans and active duty service members...get those voice pipes warmed up because you will be singing the first chorus of your service's military hymn!

Stewardship No report.