

Lay Ministry at  
**EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**

*Sharing the Joy and Power of Life in Christ*



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## **EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH IS...**

- Open to all no matter what tradition or past you have come from.
- A joyful worshiping community with a blended style of worship.
- A healing community.
- A Church whose purpose is to serve.

## **THE WORK OF THE LAITY...**

There are many opportunities for ministry in the world through Emmanuel. At Emmanuel we believe that our primary purpose is to care for each other and for our world. You will see this reflected in the ministries in which we engage. Please take time to reflect on these opportunities and choose one that fits you the best. If you don't see one that works, perhaps you might consider starting your own!

The contact people change from time to time. So if you need help getting in touch with the right person, call the church office and we will get you the name and contact information.

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# FORMATION MINISTRIES

## **Sunday Mornings @ EEC**

Activities for all ages.  
8:45-9:45am.

## **EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)**

**(6-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** Wednesday evenings 6- 7:30 pm,

## **Wisdom of the Ages**

Daytime programs for those sixty years and older.

## **Cursillo**

Spiritual renewal retreat and weekly group meetings.

## **Vacation Bible School**

A spectacular week of amazing activities in the summer for ages 4 to 10.

## **Women's Bible Study**

Multi-media and discussion-based studies. Monday evenings.

## **Inquirer's Confirmation Class**

A yearly class for adults.  
Meets in the evenings with the rector to learn about the Episcopal Church.

## **Youth Confirmation**

High school juniors and seniors.  
Focus is on learning and embracing an adult faith.



# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

<b>Acolytes</b>	Young people ages 7-18 are trained to serve in a worship service on a rotating schedule.
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Prepare the sanctuary for services on a rotating schedule.
<b>Choir</b>	Rehearsal Thursday nights. Provides music for worship services and special events.
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Meets weekly to arrange flowers for services and special events on a rotating schedule.
<b>Sound Guild</b>	Runs the sound board for worship on a rotating schedule. Requires training
<b>Handbell Choir</b>	Thursday night rehearsal. Child care provided on request. Provides music for worship services several times a year.
<b>Healing Prayer</b>	Prayers for healing are offered during communion on a rotating schedule during the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.
<b>Kneaders</b>	Bakes bread for worship services on a rotating schedule.

**L.E.M's**

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are trained and licensed to read scripture and serve communion during worship services. Serve on a rotating schedule.

**L.E.V's**

Lay Eucharistic Visitors are trained and licensed to take communion on a rotating schedule to members who are unable to attend worship services.

**Ushers**

Serve on Sundays and at some special services on a rotating schedule.

**Welcomers**

Greet visitors on Sundays and bakes cookies to offer as a welcome gift.

# FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

**B.U.B.B.L.E.S.** Join a monthly group for a meal, a beverage and theological discussion.  
Draft - ages 21-49.  
Vintage - ages 50 and up.

**Crafters Guild** Meets Tuesday mornings.  
This is a project-based group.  
They hold periodic craft sales during the year.

**Faith In Fiction** Meets the first Thursday evening of the month for discussion of books read by the group.

**Knitters** Meets Thursdays and is open to anyone who loves to knit.

**Men's Breakfast** Second and fourth Saturday breakfast and fellowship for men of any age.

**Supper Clubs** Groups for singles, couples and families. Meet at homes or in restaurants.



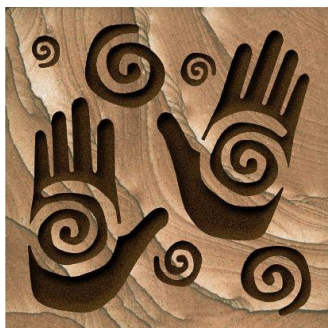
# HEALING MINISTRIES

**Parish Nursing**      Monthly meetings to support health initiatives within the parish.

**Prayer Chain**      Prayers are offered through the Emmanuel e-mail network for members of the parish and extended family.

**AA, NA, ALA-NON, OA, FAA, Nar-Anon**  
Several meetings weekly.

**First Friday Healing Sanctuary**  
Evening meeting. Ecumenical, Hands-on healing ministry.





# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

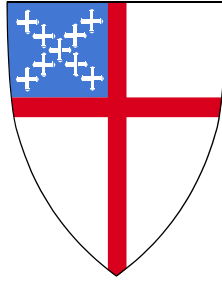
<b>Access</b>	Prepare meals for delivery to those living with HIV or AIDS.
<b>Counters</b>	Meet Monday mornings in scheduled teams to sort and prepare bank deposits of weekly contributions.
<b>DETR</b>	Disaster Emergency Response Team. Responds to natural disasters and provides support, supplies and service to communities in need.
<b>Faith Works Coalition</b>	Serves the local community through construction projects for families with housing needs.
<b>Food Pantry</b>	Provides groceries for those in need as referred by social services. Contact: Charlie Schindler CSchindler@cox.net
<b>JCOC</b>	Prepares and serves meals at the Judeo Christian Outreach Center on a rotating schedule.
<b>Kairos</b>	Serve on a team to provide spiritual renewal weekends in prisons. Contact: Paul Smith 318paul@cox.net

**Martha's Ministry** Provides care and support for members of the parish following the death of a family member.

**Mission of the Holy Spirit**

Help prepare a meal and offer support to at risk youth in the city of Norfolk.





## **The Peace of the Lord be always with you!**

This is the Church's ancient greeting of welcome.

We are glad you are interested in finding out more about Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We hope that you find all the information you need about the lay ministry opportunities available at Emmanuel.