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THIS MONTH, EMMANUEL'S "DINNER KITCHEN" MARKED 3 YEARS OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35 (artist unknown, source: www.stmatthewtrinity.org)

Following the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner, the monthly Dinner Kitchen will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner to the community on Thursday, November 24. The dinner will begin at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Roast turkey and all the trimmings will be served. We have much to be thankful for and this dinner marks three years of the existence of the Dinner Kitchen providing home-cooked meals to those in need.

See photos on page 10 with some of the happy kitchen crew working away and musicians who came by to provide music for our guests.

LATE OCTOBER HAPPENINGS AROUND EMMANUEL

EASTSOUND'S "GREAT PUMPKIN WEEKEND"

Emmanuel's lawn played host to many of Eastsound's community events on the 29th, with pumpkin lawn bowling, scarecrow construction, costumed labyrinth running, and delicious hot chocolate and apple cider. Island businesses came together to plan a day full of fun for everyone with events held all over town. The weather held for us and many, MANY came to taste, play, show their costumes and just enjoy each other's company. In case you missed out, here are a few scenes of our neighbors enjoying themselves.



AND ON SUNDAY...

PUMPKIN CARVING 2011!

The pumpkins were blessed before the carving. From scary to funny and from cute to profound.... each pumpkin took on its own special character and story. Visit the church website to see the carvers in action!



RECTOR'S RUMINATIONS

“RESTORING THE WORD, STEWARDSHIP”

On October 2nd we began our annual Every Member Canvass. In my sermon I shared a vision for Emmanuel Parish that can be summarized in three words – Stewardship, Environment and Evangelization (S.E.E.). The first component of the vision, Stewardship encompasses and is the container for the two ‘E’s’ of S.E.E.

However, “stewardship” is a word that is often misunderstood and misused in the church. Marcus Borg in his recent book, Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost their Meaning and Power – and How They Can Be Restored, notes that many Christian words have diminished in meaning and have become distorted and stripped of their biblical and historical meaning. As such, he invites us to a reconsideration of key Christian words with the goal of faithful restoration as to their meaning. “Stewardship” is not a word Borg addresses in his book but is a word that is in need of clarification and restoration, and as such, is the subject of this month’s rumination. I would hasten to add that in what follows I am not offering an exhaustive account of either the etymology or theology of stewardship, but rather a corrective with the hope that the word, “stewardship” as central to all ministry might be restored given the vision I S.E.E. for Emmanuel.

Where to begin? Stewardship is not Fundraising. It is not surprising that this is a common misunderstanding given the fact that the word is associated with making one’s financial pledge as a part of the traditional Every Member Canvass. “Stewardship Sunday” is the ‘kick-off’ for raising funds for the church’s ministry, a common understanding or perhaps misunderstanding. Why? Usage within the Church of the word “stewardship” has all too often been equated or reduced to meaning money. The centerpiece of most Every Member Canvasses is the pledge – understood as a financial commitment from each church member or family. Stewardship, however, involves three “t’s” – time, talent and treasure – three “t’s” that are fundamental in restoring the word to its original meaning. Said more succinctly, “stewardship” is everything a person does after he or she says, “I believe.” Restoring this understanding requires a brief look at the word itself.

“Stewardship” derives from the word, “steward”, which refers to a person who manages another person’s property, finances or other affairs. According to the dictionary, a person in charge of the household affairs of a large estate, club or hotel, or an officer in charge of dining arrangements or an attendant on a ship or airplane, e.g. a “stewardess.” Etymologically the word “steward” is from the Old English word, *stigweard*: stig, hall +weard, keeper. As such, a steward is one who serves in the mode of caring for or “keeping the hall”– the property, the finances, the estate, the lodging for another person.

Service or serving is central to stewarding and stewardship. Serving God through God’s creation is service to “another,” through the use of one’s time, talent and treasure is how one serves as a steward.

In addition to the mode of service as definitive of stewarding, critical to the definition is that a steward administers, from the root “minister,” another’s property and affairs. Simply put, service for another and to another is the essence of stewardship both in secular and religious terms. Said still differently, all that we have is a gift from God (another) that we are called to steward (administer via ministry) to and for another (the created order to include all of the created order not just humanity). Such stewarding as service involves administering justice, compassion and charity (love or *agape*).

What does such service and ministry have to do with money? Everything, if we recognize that money in our culture is a sign and symbol for one’s personal worth but it should not be! Common usage serves as an example. “How much is John worth?” is normally associated with John’s personal wealth. As a Christian, however, personal worth is how much John is loved by God.

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Therefore, ministry is not fundraising. To be sure, we are called upon to tithe or give 10% of our first fruits to God as stewards. Such tithing is the biblical and Church's norm or way of recognizing that nothing we have is truly ours, but God's. We are called to use only what we need and share with others given their needs. Such sharing is grounded in generosity and realized as economic justice. As such, the meaning of the term, "pledge," connotes a pledge of allegiance, if you will, to God as a steward of God. But a pledge is not a response to a fundraiser or church dues or our annual subscription to the Church. It is our pledge to replicate God's love and generosity for us in service to others. A pledge of our time, talent and treasure is the true measure of "our worth." Examining your calendar, your vocation and your checkbook serves as a measure of your worth, what you value and your personal identity.

Is there a place for fundraising in the church? Yes, as in a fundraiser for our labyrinth, a new roof, or relief in Haiti. But such fundraisers presuppose the pledge we make to our church family as stewards and reflect the generosity we share in response to special needs. On Orcas there are over one hundred not-for-profit organizations that work for the common good and most of them have fundraising activities and drives. Most of us support and give to those important organizations, as individuals, in terms of our time, board and committee memberships and money. In addition, our parish gives over 10% of our pledged income to such organizations within the community. But the church is not just another 501C3. It is the family of God. We give, or better return to the Church, our pledge, not out of a sense of charity or philanthropy, but in recognition that we are returning a portion of the gift that we have received as sons and daughters of God. Said differently, we do not support our children or immediate family members in need as a response to a fund raising request from them. We support them because we love them.

Our pledge is an indication of our Christian self-worth and how we value God and God's creation in our life. In sum, stewardship is our personal response to God's generosity and love and is measured in how we spend and share our resources of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship reflects our commitment as servants of justice and ministers of compassion as revealed and embodied in Jesus. Our pledge represents our commitment to "work, pray and give for the spread of the Kingdom of God" (Book of Common Prayer, page 856).

In thanksgiving for your service and ministry as stewards,
+Craig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grandparents and Advent Calendars

Grandparents, if you're looking for something special to help your grandchildren count the days until Christmas with a meaningful marking of time, we are taking orders for a special Messengers Advent Calendar for \$10.00. A minimum of 10 is needed to place an order. If you are interested please let Cheryl know. Orders will be placed November 10th.

ALERT!!

Check out the tract rack in the foyer of the parish hall!! It has been restocked and is FULL!

Housing Need

Last Sunday Jan Titus mentioned that a friend is looking for temporary housing for the winter. Please call Lilli Pavonis if you know of a guest house or a housesitting position. Lilli is a longtime Orcas resident and a hairdresser. She will do gardening chores, security, etc. and may be reached at 317-4794.

Shaping a Vision

Has the notion of looking ahead and helping to shape a vision for Emmanuel's future captured your interest? Talks given by parishioners over the past several weeks regarding their thoughts on vision for Emmanuel Parish are available for viewing anytime online. Simply go to the "Get Involved!" menu item and select "A Vision for Emmanuel's Future". Take your time to look over and consider their thoughts.... and perhaps formulate your own! No computer? Printed copies are available in the front office.

JOYFUL NOISE REFLECTIONS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Endings and Beginnings

This year we end the present Church Year with Christ the King Sunday on November 20. It is followed (as always) by the First Sunday in Advent – this year on November 27. What is slightly unusual is that the ending of our present Church Year and the beginning of the next are in the same month. This is not always so, nor will it be so in 2012. It is a good time to embrace the meaning of our liturgical year.

Ideally, as Christians, we stand as an alternative to the values of the world and offer to those outside the community the opportunity to choose another way. We are guided by our focus on time in contrast to a focus on space and things. The Church Year is about the sanctification of time. It is a gift toward living our Christian lives intentionally. A way to creatively envision the Church Year is as a procession.....

“What is procession?”

Movement from place to place,
measured movement, stately movement,
a representative few treading a representative distance:
journey distilled.

This is what all journeys are, it proclaims,
this is journey at its heart.

Again and again, from week to week,
from age to age,
there is something of **endings and beginnings**;
of closing doors behind and opening those ahead,
of meeting and walking together.

What is a procession? A journey, distilled.
From age to age, from east to west
we have skipped and limped and marched and run
and shuffled and strolled our various ways.
Our stories reverberate in measured tread.

From age to age, from east to west
our hurried feet have marked
the peaks and valleys, the sand and stone,
the mud, the grass, the dust, the streams.
We pause in solemn pace to remember:
All ground is holy ground.
We come interiorly shoeless.

What is procession?

It is journey distilled – journey at its heart,
a gathering into one movement of a church on the way:
a pilgrim people, a dusty, longing people,
yet walking with heads high;
knowing ourselves, showing ourselves
to be the royal nation, the holy people won by the Son,
called by his word, gathered around his table.
There we discover again, from age to age, from east to west,
for all our journeys,
the source, the ground, the companion, the way.”

Janet Schlichting

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The Christian Calendar		
SEASON	LENGTH	COLOR
Advent	Four weeks preceding Christmas	Purple (or Blue)
Christmas	Dec. 25-Jan. 6 (13 days Christmas Day to Epiphany)	White & Gold
Season after Epiphany (or ordinary time)	Jan. 7-Shrove Tuesday (length varies)	Green*
Lent	Forty days and six Sundays preceding Easter	Purple
Easter	The Great Fifty Days, beginning with Easter	White & Gold (Red on Pentecost)
	Sunday and ending with Pentecost	
Season after Pentecost (or ordinary time)	Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) to Sunday preceding Advent (Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday) - length varies	Green*
*Designates that the season color is green except for the first and last Sundays, which are special days and their color is white. Churches that do not celebrate Transfiguration as the Last Sunday after Epiphany have green here also		

The Christian year is a reenactment of the life of Jesus from birth through ministry, death, and resurrection, to the birth of the church and its witness in the world today.

The way we use our time in daily life is one of the best indications of what is really important to us. The church also shows what is most important to its life by the way it keeps time. One answer to "What do Christians believe?" could be "Look how we keep time!"

November Birthdays

- 6 Cameron Fralick
- 7 Ian Wareham
- 10 Jean Weir
- 11 Cailin Tucker
- 11 Dale Mattson
- 13 Ady Kenady
- 17 Anne Kenady
- 17 Sam Kenady
- 18 Marguerite Olson
- 21 Steve Diepenbrock
- 22 George Karnikis
- 24 Barbara Evans
- 24 Millie Vetterlein
- 26 Doug Schliebus
- 28 Catherine Ellis
- 28 Tricia Erly

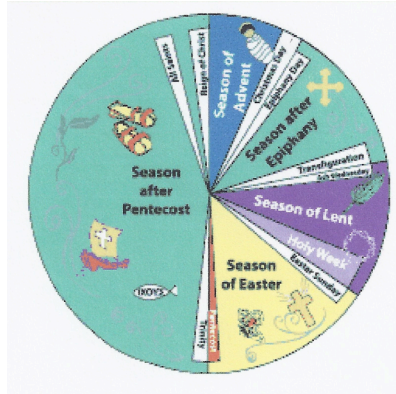
November Anniversaries

- 18 Dale & Kaye Mattson
- 24 John & Rose Beckwith
- 27 John & Marilyn Erly

Prayer List: John, John Michael, Melia & Chris, John Fox, Kyle Palmer, Carol Tully, Louise Tucker, Jennifer Wong, Sharon Heller, Jean Blease, Jenny Peters, Ron Johnson, Nora Dietlein, Ruth Bergsman, Anna Kathryn & Molly, Barbara Padget, Dawn Lease, Kate, William Henry Brown, Marilyn Storey, Peter Rutledge, Ross, Marsha Cowles, Dick Zornes, Joe Goodrich, John Russell, Judy Phillips, Kaye Mattson, Bo & Heather Smith, Michael Plautz, Dana Blake, Robb Lucas.

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Cathy Clemens

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

Cultivating Hope in Hard Times

with Internationally renowned teacher/author Andrew Harvey

Friday, **November 4th** 10 am - 3 pm Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall Eastsound

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch Coffee & Tea – and Chocolate will be provided

Suggested donation: \$45 For more information: Contact: marilyn@marilynmcguire.com

Come early and walk our Labyrinth

Andrew Harvey is a scholar, activist, mystic, author of more than 30 books, and founder of the Institute for Sacred Activism. For further information about Andrew: www.andrewharvey.net

Time to fall back.

Set your clocks back Saturday night, **Nov. 5th**, otherwise you will be arriving for church an hour early!

All Saints celebrated November 6th

As a part of our celebration on All Saints Sunday, you are invited to bring a photo or memento of a special person influential in your life to the combined worship service Nov. 6th. A table will be available for the display of saints past and present. Be sure to put your name on the back, and the name of the special saint you are remembering on the front.

Third Annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Parish members, family and friends are all invited to the Parish Hall for Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, **November 24**. This is the third year we have shared Thanksgiving dinner together and we all have much to be thankful for. We will gather around 1 p.m. and dinner will be served by 2 p.m. Sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving recipe to share. Several people have volunteered to roast the turkeys. We look forward to another joyous occasion and fellowship with family and friends. The dinner will be held even if it snows (again).

ADVENT BRINGS CHANGES TO COFFEE HOUR

Community Approach to Coffee Hour begins Nov. 27th

Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent we're starting a new way to do coffee hours. Rather than one or two people taking responsibility for providing all the refreshments, everyone will bring one item to share following their respective worship service. An item is one type of something, like a small plate of veggies or a bowl of grapes. It should be brought in ready to place on the table, or you can do it yourself once there. Sign ups will still be needed to make coffee and tea with table set up, clean up and garbage take out included.

Other suggestions for food items are: Mini bagels with cream cheese, mini potato bites, mini frittata slices, mini scones, bite size sandwiches, cheese cubes, crackers, fresh fruit slices, angelic eggs, trail mix, veggies and dip, pizza slices, breakfast bars, fruit salsa and pastry chips, breads or muffins, meat slices, or your most creative appetizers. Placing a sign on any items that are gluten free or have nuts will be very helpful for those with food allergies.

On special feast days and celebrations things may be organized more formally, but for now remember to bring your refreshment item for the coffee hour potlucks beginning in Advent.

Ps. See what Bishop Rickel had to say last weekend at the diocesan convention about eating, health and health care. How do our food choices even at coffee hours contribute to our health and well being? (Bishop's Blog at: <http://bishopricketl.wordpress.com>)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Advent I	8:00	Holy Eucharist
November 27	10:00	Holy Eucharist
	5:00	All-parish Supper with Compline
Advent II	10:00	Holy Eucharist – Combined Service
December 4	5:00	Evening Prayer with music
Advent III	8:00	Holy Eucharist
December 11	10:00	Holy Eucharist
	5:00	Taizé Evening Prayer
Advent IV	8:00	Holy Eucharist
December 18	10:00	Holy Eucharist
	5:00	Lessons and Carols with reception following
Christmas Eve	5:00	Holy Eucharist – Family Christmas Eve Service
December 24	8:00	Holy Eucharist with choir, guest soloist and bells
Christmas	9:00	Holy Eucharist
December 25		

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DINNER KITCHEN FINISHES OUT ITS 3RD YEAR WITH MUSIC...



...AND SMILES



"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

Matthew 25:40

RELIGION AND POLITICS

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as your self.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 22:34-46

This season of televised debates, one in which the meteoric rise and fall of a candidate’s political fortunes can take place in a single day, is as good a time as any to remember these two ancient parties, the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Parties? You mean as in politics? Oh, yes. It was no easier to separate religion and politics in the ancient Middle East than it is today.

Barbara Crafton

Submitted by Cathy Clemens

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2011 PUMPKIN LABYRINTH WALK

Halloween pumpkins on the labyrinth decorated by Emmanuel parishioners saw over 200 trick-or-treaters visit on the 31st. From fairies to Tutankhamun, cowboys to kitty cats, monsters to princesses, all were welcome!



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NEWSLETTER ITEMS

It's a community effort! **Please submit your newsletter contributions in a Word .doc file to Karen Blinn at: parishoffice@orcasepiscopal.org.** (Since you would type it anyway, submitting electronically saves the office staff from needing to retype – Thanks!)

Your photos of Parish Events are appreciated! Photos are gratefully accepted and may be submitted electronically to Karen B. as well, preferably in **.JPG file formats**.

Please note that **the deadline for submissions to Emmanuel's Newsletter is 12 Noon on the 25th of every month.**

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**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
~ THE INNER PARADIGM SHIFT ~**



Forum members take a break during October's Retreat led by Rhea Miller on October 20th