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Learn, Love, Serve

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Sunday Worship Service at 9 a.m.

“Bread for the World”

As I write this I am nursing a bout of Covid in a hotel room in Washington, D.C. I came to D.C. to join in the annual Advocacy Summit for “Bread for the World.” Bread’s mission, as a collective Christian voice, is to urge “our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

By changing policies and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, Bread provides help and opportunity at home and far beyond where we live.

Myself and 5 other delegates from California, including our youth representative for the Bread advisory board of California, Laurel Gawlikoski (14), went to the offices to talk to the legislative assistants of Senator Diane Feinstein, Rep. Young Kim, and Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, to encourage them to pass legislation that would insure there be money for pregnant and nursing mothers around the world. We also asked that they consider endorsing the extension of the children’s nutritional food waivers program for the school year 2022-2023.

When all children are included in the breakfast and lunch program here at home, the shame and stigmatization of being a child who get’s a free lunch is broken, and there is an equality in the school cafeteria that wasn’t there before.

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit so that we would be animated by God's spirit to go into the world and serve. And there are so many ways we can do this. Rev. Eugene Cho, CEO and President of Bread, gave a passionate and inspiring sermon/key note speech on Monday evening before our meetings on Tuesday. In essence, he said, as followers of The Way of Jesus Christ, our call is to love. We love others by doing simple things. Showing kindness where kindness is lacking. Feeding people where food is in short supply. Providing shelter for those who have no home. We do this with one small act at a time:

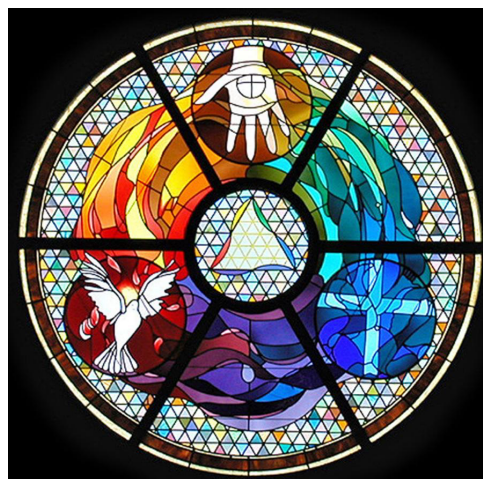
- A letter to your state and federal representative asking them to support measures that would help people get their basic needs met in order that they may thrive.
- Joining us when we put together kits to aid those who are unhoused with some basic essentials.
- Living our lives as expressions of Christ's love in the world. That's what we can do.

“Bread for the World” is doing good work at home as well as abroad!

Peace, Rev. Holly

Senior Warden's Corner

Our Sr. Warden, Marian Corral, had carpal tunnel surgery a week ago. We wish her a speedy recovery. Look for her next update in the August Epistle.



From Your Treasurer

by Kimberly Nordstrom

Hello Emmanuel Friends!

I am very excited to introduce our new bookkeeper, Adrien Roberts.

Adrien has been the bookkeeper for several Episcopal Churches for the past seventeen years. We will be working hard together to get the accounting system up to date and have the financial statements ready for the Vestry. She is a wonderful addition to our office and church.

On a personal note, Adrien is an opera singer! She is currently performing in *La Traviata* in Santa Barbara. If you get the chance to watch some of her videos online, I think you will agree with me, she is amazing!

Thank you for your continued support of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, we have an amazingly generous community that I am so thankful for.

Peace be with you!

Kimberly

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From Your Rector

I want to extend my gratitude to Dave Dunlap for his tireless commitment to the financial well-being of Emmanuel. He was the treasurer for a long time and did a great job. He was instrumental in making the lease with EKKO Church a success and that opportunity meant we could meet our financial obligations to keep the church running with some wiggle room.

However, we needed to separate the Treasurer of the Vestry position and the paid bookkeeper position to avoid any conflict of interest and non-compliance of Diocesan canons. Dave took this opportunity to retire and it gave us the opportunity to do some of the software updates we needed to make to remain flexible technologically for the future and hire a new bookkeeper and appoint a new treasurer.

Again, thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Blessings, Rev. Holly

The SoCal Growing Connection

by Lorra Dickinson

So far in our garden story: First we decided on how we would garden for success using the “no dig” way. The property was cleared of weeds and seeding trees then was graded, retaining walls were built, water and electricity were on site, permanent garden beds were defined, wood chips were on all walkways. With all this, we determined that our GOD IS A MIGHTY GOD.

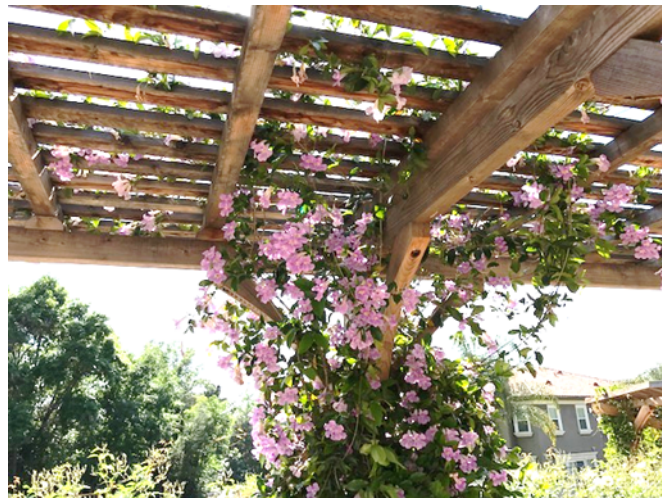
With the help and guidance of another parishioner, we built the pergola and the arbor covering the steps down to the St. Francis Garden – a gathering place. On the trellis under the ash tree we planted Giant White Mandevilla to grow over the arbor. This plant came as another blessing from God.



We were impressed with our lovely pergola



This little arbor covers steps to the St. Frances Garden



Lavender Trumpet vine on the pergola

I had written to several nurseries and growers asking if they would consider donating plants to our community garden. Several months later I received an email from a grower in Florida (one I had never heard of and one I had not written to!) to say that he had white and pink Giant Mandevilla to donate if I was willing to pay the shipping charges to get them to California. I immediately said yes and a few days later the box of plants arrived.

When Gordon and I were at a wedding in the Temecula area, we talked about our garden. I felt our next project needed to be decomposed granite (DG) to put under the pergola and on the main entrance walk. A man sitting at the table asked how much DG we needed? Gordon did some quick calculations and a week or so later two dump trucks arrived full of DG.

Since we did not have a place to store our garden tools and supplies, we needed a storage hut. As we were talking about this, a parishioner called me aside and wrote me a check to purchase a garden hut. I asked my gardener about the cost of building a deck - it was prohibitive. A week or two later I received a phone call from him saying that one of his clients was building a new deck to replace their TREX deck. Would I like this used material? I am sure you know that I said yes. A few days later his crew delivered an amazing pile of TREX lumber to our parking lot. Again, a parishioner, and what was becoming his regular team of volunteers, began to build the deck.

But we needed shelves and a rack to hold our shovels, hoes, and rakes. After the service I was approached by yet another parishioner saying that he would be happy to build storage shelves and a tool rack for us.

We went down to the garden hut, made some measurements, and within 2 weeks our parishioner delivered as promised.

Things went on this way for a time. Then Gordon had an idea. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we planted a vineyard on the east side of the Labyrinth?

So our vineyard was born.



Visitors came to visit



The blueberry bed



A lovely hawk supervised It all

Emmanuel's "Discovery Gardens Learning Center"

By Cynthia Greenspan

"Discovery Gardens Fullerton Environmental Early Learning Center" is a Nature Based/ Reggio Inspired preschool with a focus on Environmental teachings about Nature. We strive to provide high-quality care and education to our youngest learners with an emphasis on understanding and appreciating the natural world by providing an inclusive environment for children to wonder, create, and explore.

Since opening in August, 2021, we have made it our mission to provide an enriching preschool environment with plenty of open ended materials for the children to investigate, hypothesize, and explore while receiving a quality education.

Our indoor/outdoor ateliers provide rich explorations with various mediums so that children can get acquainted with different art materials through self exploration. Competency and respect are valued and instilled in the children so that they form a foundation of self-confidence and competence.

One important principle of our philosophy is parent participation and involvement. We recently had an Earth Day Celebration and mini-fund-raiser, and a Mother's Day Tea in front of our school rooms. Our parents enjoyed meeting each other and sharing about their preschoolers. We invite you all to visit the Outdoor Classroom whenever possible.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact me or choose Emmanuel Episcopal Church Fullerton as your charity on Amazon Smile where the proceeds of your purchases will go to our school.

Warmly,
Cynthia

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Emmanuel Calendar for July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	2 9:00 - 10:00am Men's Bible Study
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17 9:00 - 10:30am Emmanuel Sunday Service 2:00 - 8:30pm EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	18 7:00pm - 8:30pm Evening Bible Study	19 10:00am Women's Bible Study	20 6:30pm Vestry	21 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	22 7:00 - 11:00pm EKKO Church	23 9:00 - 10:00am Men's Bible Study
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