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Learn, Love, Serve

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Love

So predictable, I know. But we can't go into February without talking about love, our theme for the month. Yes, love is a feeling we have for others -- close friends, family, (if you're fortunate enough to be in a family of people you like), lovers and spouses.

There are a few different kinds of love: *Eros*: romantic love; *Philia*: affectionate love that you have for friends and family, and *Agape*: unconditional love. Love isn't just a feeling, though. Love is an intention, an energy, moving us to action. In our romantic relationships, *Eros* compels us to extend ourselves to our spouse, partner, lover in a myriad of ways. Cooking them a meal, taking care of them when they are sick, buying flowers and chocolates as a way to demonstrate your love to them. (This is your gentle reminder that Valentine's Day is February 14th). The same is true in our relationships with friends and family. We do things for people we love, who are in our inner circle, in ways we wouldn't do for those outside our inner circle.

As Christians, followers of The Way of Jesus, there isn't a lot asked of us. But what is asked takes incredible courage, vulnerability, patience and perseverance. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35) Jesus says love one another. *Agape* love. Unconditional love.

In the month of February, you're invited to notice how much of what you do, say, or think is determined by *agape* love. Here's the thing. This is not about loving the people we find easy to

love. Anyone can do that. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:32,36) Jesus knew that was a piece of cake. But what about people who just rub you the wrong way? What about that family member who doesn't believe, vote, or behave the way you do? Or maybe you have some antipathy toward people of different races, people who practice different religions, or people who are mentally ill, addicted or living on the street? What about them?

Love. Agape love. Unconditional love. We can let that love gurgle up inside of us, grow into compassion and bloom into action. And that action is anything you want it to be. Smile and say hello to people you pass when you're taking your morning walk. Hold the door open for the person behind you. If you cross the path of people experiencing homelessness, give them a couple of bucks without judgment or worry about what they might spend the money on. Just give. Just love. Humans need to be loved, want to be loved, thrive on love. Love is the great healer.

"As one person I cannot change the world, but I can change the world of one person." *Paul Shane Spear*

Blessings, Rev. Holly

Emmanuel Episcopal Preschool

Dear Emmanuel Friends,

Love is in the air! The love we give our children during the preschool years is irreplaceable. Research confirms that the first five years of a child's development is a crucial time. Here's to a month of embracing the joy of true love and showing our children and grandchildren that they are miraculously loved and adored!

With this, let us express how much we love our Emmanuel community! We appreciate Reverend Holly, Dave Dunlap, Lynette, Beth, Nancy, the Vestry, and all our wonderful parishioners and families for their generous contributions and support. The church and preschool are one entity and we are working closely together to flourish as one beloved community.

Currently, we have 38 students and that number is steadily increasing. We have also hired another teacher's aide, Miss Amelia. She and the other aides are wonderful. And we are blessed to have loving teachers who value every student.

In terms of February events, Sunny Hills Pediatric Dentistry will do a presentation on dental hygiene on Feb. 5th. We will celebrate growing in God's love on Fri., Feb. 14th. Chapel with

Reverend Holly will be on the 12th and the 26th. Then on the 27th, we will have our annual California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser at the Brea Mall. You will need to present a flyer. Flyers will be available in the church office as well as in Room D. Proceeds will go to new manipulatives and toys. Last year we had an amazing time. We hope you can join us.

Lisa Seggelke, Preschool Director

Dinner and Dialogue

Living Our Baptismal Covenant

Saturday, February 29th, 5 to 8:30pm

The Baptismal Covenant: we first encounter it at our own baptism then renew it during all subsequent baptisms at church. During our time together on February 29th, we'll be considering what this covenant means to us and how we live it out in our daily lives, the totality of our lives: our spiritual lives, our family lives, our economic lives, our work lives, our political lives, our . . . lives. How we take it into the world.

As it turns out, we'll be meeting to dialogue about this covenant just a few days into Lent, that time of the church year when many engage in self-examination, seeking to discover more about themselves and their journeys as Christians. What better time could there be? God's timing is awesome!

"The term 'covenant' is of Latin origin (*con venire*), meaning a coming together. It presupposes two or more parties who come together to make a contract, agreeing on promises, stipulations, privileges, and responsibilities...The preferred meaning of the Old Testament word [*berit*] is 'bond'; a covenant refers to two or more parties bound together." Are we bound to each other, and to God through this Baptismal Covenant?

Like our Dinner and Dialogue last October we'll come together to express and listen to our differing perspectives on this particular subject. Loren Maxwell will be joining Amy Kremer, Reverend Holly, and me in presenting and moderating this discussion. The format is to 1) pray, 2) experience a presentation from the atrium about baptism, 3) eat (a spirit-led potluck), 4) sing, 5) pray, and 6) dialogue about what our baptismal covenant means to us and how we carry it out into the world (or would like to). Afterward, we'll hug; feedback (positive, negative, indifferent) is welcome.

Please consider joining us. Let me know if you are interested and I'll send you some material to think about beforehand. I love these kinds of discussions. I know we will get to know each other more deeply and grow spiritually from the experience.

Blessings, Ginger Cash gwcash@sbcglobal.net

Emmanuel Walkway—We're Ready to Go!

Alleluia, Alleluia!!

After twenty four months of hard work and fundraising, we are finally moving forward with the Patio Project. The schedule will be finalized shortly and it will take about 10-15 days for completion. There will be some inconveniences for church and Havermale Hall access but we will try to minimize these. I want to personally thank all those who have helped and aided this ongoing two-year project.

After a review of the three new bids for the walkway, it became obvious that the ideal company for the job is Pacific Pavers. They were the lowest bid, holding their prices from 18 months ago, they provided numerous samples, and they will install drains if necessary at no charge. They will be able to schedule us very soon. And, they came recommended from Simple Outdoor Living, a company that specializes in finding quality contractors for clients. I am confident that they will do a great job for us and solve any issue that arises.

Forward we move --Thank you all for your patience

Howard Minkley
JR Warden



A Few Words from Your Treasurer

At the beginning of December, our year-to-date deficit in the Operating Fund was \$52,000. Thanks to your amazing generosity, our Operating Fund ended the year with a deficit of only \$7,533! We're very grateful for all your prayers and support! Our General Capital Fund balance at the end of the year was \$27,729. That's about \$5,000 more than what was in that fund at the beginning of the year. We've done a lot of work on Havermale Hall but we still have a more things to do. New windows will be going in on the sanctuary side of the building in mid-February and we'll be putting in new window coverings. The installation of the new lighting fixtures should be completed within the next week or so.

Million Meals income was down in 2018. We ended the year with only \$2,200 in the account. We had an ingathering on January 19th. I'll have an update on that for you next month. Our General Outreach Fund balance at the end of the year was \$14,428.

With much gratitude!
Dave Dunlap, Treasurer

New Column in the Epistle: Why Emmanuel?

Rev. Holly had a brilliant idea about a new column for everyone in Emmanuel. We will be writing Emmanuelites' stories about why they came and stayed at Emmanuel as their church home. We will be making an announcement at the service, asking for stories, but we will also be pulling stories from our Story Day. Stories can be anonymous if you wish, but we do have wonderful experiences that we should share with each other. Here is the second story, from Judy and Ed Lieb:

Ed and I came to Emmanuel in either March or April 1970. I remember Fr. Paul greeting us as we drove up and parked for our first choir practice. He said "Hello Liebs!" We were so impressed that he knew our names and we hadn't even met. Our friends had asked us to come and join the choir as they were going to dedicate the new church. And we are still here! In the early days the choir sang every Sunday at the second service. We even sang the Christmas part of the Messiah in 1971 in a concert at Blessed Sacrament, Placentia. Some time later, Ed became the music leader for the second service until 1994. Guitars and other instruments were introduced along with the organ/piano and the music became less formal.

One memory that stands out is a 'protest' mass in San Diego in about 1975 or so. The diocese there did not want to recognize women as priests. So Fr. Paul and a woman priest celebrated a mass in the park across the street from the diocese. We played guitars, Cindi Romine was the altar girl and Mary Eunice Oliver and other friends from San Diego participated. The local news cameras also showed up.

Camp Stevens and other retreats were great spiritual times, and also fun! On one camping trip to Sequoia with Emmanuel, Fr. Paul scared a bear away from our tent in the middle of the night. We had our two cats with us and the bear must have smelled them, so he was reared up on his hind legs over our small tent. Ed and I slept through the entire episode and didn't hear about it until the morning.

I also remember that on my Cursillo in San Bernardino in 1976, I had forgotten something. When I woke up the next morning it was there. Someone from Emmanuel had driven it all the way to me so that I would have it for the weekend. I was so surprised and felt loved and cared for by the people of my church. Fun and food aside, Sunday Services, Retreats, the Bethel Bible series, Life in the Spirit, Agnes Sanford spiritual seminars, Sister Edith's lectures and other events helped me grow in grace and love of our Lord. During some dark times in my life (mom's homicide), I found faith, courage and strength through the accepting people of Emmanuel who show their love for Jesus by reaching out to others in times of sadness and times of happiness.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4:00 PM Nicotine Anonymous
2 9:00 AM Eucharist ANNUAL MEETING AFTER SINGLE SERVICE	3 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	4 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM Eucharist 3:30 PM Girl Scouts troop 1999 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders' Meeting 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous	5 7:00 AM Eucharist 7:00 PM Taizé Service	6	7 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 101 Meeting	8 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4:00 PM Nicotine Anonymous
9 8:15 AM Eucharist 10:00 AM Eucharist	10 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	11 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM Eucharist 6:30 PM Visibility Committee 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous	12 7:00 AM Eucharist	13 1:00 PM OWLS (women of girl scouts) 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders 6:30 PM Early Birds	14 12:30 PM Emmanuel Book Club	15 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Plant Sale 4:00 PM Nicotine Anonymous
16 8:15 AM Eucharist 10:00 AM Eucharist Outreach Committee Meeting after 10 am service	17 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	18 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM Eucharist 3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1999 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous	19 7:00 AM Eucharist 6:00 PM Finance 6:30 PM Vestry	20	21 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 101 Meeting	22 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4:00 PM Nicotine Anonymous
23 8:15 AM Eucharist 10:00 AM Eucharist	24 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	25 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM Eucharist 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM 10:00AM 7:00 PM	27	28 6:30 PM Movie night	29 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4:00 PM Nicotine Anonymous

This Month's Happenings

In addition to the usual services here are more opportunities to gather together:

Mondays	Evening Bible Study	7 pm
Tuesdays	Women's Bible Study, Eucharist	10 am
Wednesdays	Eucharist and Breakfast	7 am
Saturdays	Men's Bible Study	9 am
2/2	Annual Meeting	after 9am service
2/5	Taizé	7 pm
2/13	Early Birds	6:30 pm
2/14	Emmanuel Book Club	6:30 pm
2/15	Emmanuel Garden Plant Sale	9 am – 12 noon
2/16	Outreach Committee Meeting	after 10 am service
2/17	HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED	
2/26	Ash Wednesday Services	7 am, 10 am, 7 pm
2/28	Movie Night	6:30 pm

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