



The Emmanuel Epistle

Learn, Love, Serve

Volume 27, Issue 4

April 2021

(714) 879-8070

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
1145 Valencia Mesa Dr.
Fullerton, CA 92833
Fax (714) 879-8680

www.emmanuelfullerton.org

Rector: Rev. Holly Cardone

Office Hours: rector@emmanuelfullerton.org
Sunday Worship Service 10 am on Zoom

Happy Easter!

I have a vision of Americans joyfully resuming their normal lives -- going to church services, concerts, theaters, malls, restaurants, and everywhere else we have not been able to congregate during the time of the pandemic. We will be able to hug the people we love and gather together as we did in the past. It will be Easter Sunday every day.

But we know that Easter Sunday is preceded by the journey of Holy Week. The Maundy Thursday experience of community and service was present in the way people came together early in the pandemic. We saw it in the neighborhoods across the world where we heard the banging of pots and pans at 7pm to give thanks for health care workers battling a disease that ambushed them. We saw it in so many volunteers making masks, donating food, giving where they could, to alleviate the suffering of so many. They were living out the love of God and the love for their neighbors as Christ taught his friends that night at their Passover supper. Our pandemic Good Friday was the catastrophic illness and death of so many people who found themselves suddenly and unpredictably laid low by this virus, a virus that devastated communities of color and low-income communities at a higher rate. On the day I write this message, the death toll has reached 525,000 in the United States. Holy Saturday is the time of waiting. Waiting for the grief and fear to recede in order to experience the wonder and awe of something new.

Destruction precedes the dawning of a new day. Following the way of Christ assures us of God's promise of that new day as written in the book of Isaiah, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Is. 43:19)

Easter will always come. Hopefully we won't have to live through a pandemic next time to experience all of its blessings.

Happy Easter!

Blessings, Rev. Holly+

Senior Warden's Corner

Loren Maxwell

It falls within the Senior Warden's duties to talk about stewardship from time to time. Before you tune out and move onto the next article, this is not about money. Nor is it about instilling guilt about what you may or may not be doing. It is about the Emmanuel philosophy regarding spiritual service. I have been a part of churches where the plan was to get newcomers involved in some aspect of the church as soon as possible. The job that the parishioner was encouraged to take was usually based on the current greatest need, not a mutual discernment between pastor and congregant. When I first moved back to Southern California from Utah, I became one of the lay pastors of a church in Anaheim. Someone decided I should take over the teenage group. There are many people that are gifted in working with children and adolescents. I am not one of them. I muddled through several months dreading every meeting.

Emmanuel operates under a different philosophy. If you have a burden for an existing area of ministry, let the rector know. In most cases there is always room for one more. If you have an idea for a new area of ministry, discuss that with the rector as well. Perhaps God is calling you to head up something new or to be a part of a vision that others share but have not verbalized yet. You could be a catalyst that brings that out. Also, we all have experienced joy in a ministry for a season and then have been led by the Spirit in a different direction. If you are in a ministry that has become a chore rather than a blessing, talk with the rector about moving on guilt free. No one should continue in a ministry because they feel or are told that there is no one else to do it. Sometimes there is someone waiting to step into your place. Sometimes it is time for the ministry itself to cease, at least for a season. Daughters of the King is an example of this. It was very active, then became dormant and is now active again. Emmanuel has accomplished some amazing things for the size of the congregation, and I believe that it is largely because our service to God and the Church is Spirit-driven, not guilt-driven. I encourage you to continue to listen to the nudging of the Holy Spirit and find joy in your spiritual service.



An Important Message from Your Treasurer

Operating income for February was \$18,346, while expenses were \$22,641. This means we had a net operating fund loss of \$4,295 for the month. We had a few expenses that were not budgeted -- \$870 for repairing the sprinkler controller wiring and \$950 for tree trimming. We also paid \$489 for Worker's Comp insurance for 2021. (This was much less than the original \$4,000+ bill we received. We got them to recompute the bill because our payroll will be much less for most of the year due to the preschool being closed.) We also paid about \$260 more than normal to the Diocese for our Mission Share Contribution because they had underbilled us in January. In addition, we paid our bi-monthly water bill which was \$1,411. The bills don't stop just because we're not meeting in person in the Sanctuary. We really appreciate your continued financial support!

The Good Shepherd renovations which are being done to revitalize the Preschool are almost complete. Both Havermale Hall and the Good Shepherd building were just painted. They look great!

With much gratitude for your prayers and support!

Blessings!

Dave Dunlap, Treasurer

davidrdunlap@gmail.com

Cell: 949-861-0694

How I Came and Why I Stayed at Emmanuel

In the winter of 1972, my husband's work transferred us from Dallas, Texas to the Fullerton area. After getting settled, we thought it would be a good idea to find a church where we could meet some "nice" people. And here we are at Emmanuel, some 49 years later! For me, the question isn't how I came to Emmanuel, but rather why did I stay?

I have certainly met many nice people -- people who gathered me into the fold and people who supported and nurtured our growing family through thick and thin. I met people who accepted me just as I am and respected where I was in my spiritual journey. I met people filled with the spirit of the living God. I met pastors who gave me wise council and walked that extra mile with me in the valley times. I found a 30-year ministry at Emmanuel Preschool where I received more than I could ever give.

On reflection, I believe I have stayed because I met Jesus. Jesus in the pastors and people of Emmanuel, Jesus in the liturgy and music, Jesus in times of great joy and crushing sadness. I have been inspired, uplifted, challenged and, yes, humbled. I have grown.

It is said that the church is not a physical building but the body of believers and this is certainly true at Emmanuel - God With Us.

With much gratitude,
Elizabeth Oates

Social Enterprise Project Update
Discovery Gardens: Emmanuel Environmental Early Learning Center

The exterior of both the Good Shepherd Building and Havermale Hall have now been painted. New dual-pane windows have been installed in the Good Shepherd Building to save on the cost of heating and air conditioning. The excellent quality wood preschool furniture we used in Edwards Hall has been cleaned and, in some cases, refinished and repaired. We have everything we need except for about 10 wooden children's chairs. A new fence will be installed around the playground.

We are recruiting our new Director, and she/he should be selected by the end of April. We will start recruiting students soon, and the students and parents, along with the Emmanuel community, will participate in the decision making on the design of both the Children's Garden and the playground.

We have already received donations that will cover some of this work – our heartfelt appreciation to those who have donated! If you would like to donate, please get in touch with Rev. Holly (rector@emmanuelfullerton.org) or our treasurer, Dave Dunlap (bookkeeper@emmanuelfullerton.org).

The Growing Connection
News from the Vineyard

For once we have good news. Yes, a long time in coming, but it is here now. I think I have said in a previous Epistle that we have joined the Small Wine Growers Association of Temecula led by a man called Greg Pennyroyal. He is the Vineyard manager of Wilson Creek Winery.

In earlier meetings with him, he had expressed a desire to help us, and had told us that the next time he was in the area he would visit our vineyard. On Thursday, Feb 26, Greg's executive assistant called us to say he was in Rancho Cucamonga, and if he finished his work early, he might be able to visit us. At lunch time she rang back to say he would meet us at the Vineyard at 3.00pm. Just after 3.00pm he arrived, along with his chief pruner, Pedro (and Pedro's wife). Greg's first comment was, "Wow, this was not what I expected. This is the best amateur vineyard I have ever seen." What a thrill for all our wine growers, particularly Lorra and me.

Yes, some things needed to be corrected. The two top wires are too thick, and we should throw away the rebar vine stakes (they deposit too much iron into the soil.) He recommended they be replaced with bamboo. We should also move the drip lines off the ground, as laying them there can cause bacteria to run up the water pipe. When there is no water running through the line, it is a perfect breeding place for bacteria, which can go straight into the root system.

When asked about the ground cover, he said leave all the California Poppies and spread more seeds (this we had done just before the rain came on Thursday Mar 4th.) He added that the lupins were the best ground cover possible because they are a legume. Legumes are part of the "pea" family, adding nitrogen to the soil rather than taking it out. On top of that they seed freely and come up everywhere. We are not sure where our first lupins came from, but they have certainly spread freely. The California Poppies, on the other hand, were planted by Ginger Cash in the Children's Garden very early in our Garden's life.

Greg then pulled up a handful of lush green weeds. Smelling them, he said our soil was in perfect condition, commenting, "Just look at the color and the size of them." He also recommended we do a soil test, just to make sure all the necessary nutrients are present. He spotted the weed cloth, saying it was an excellent idea for the driveway, but needed to be cut back approximately 18 inches from center of the main vine stalks, then covered with wood chips as we have been doing. He said that the chips form a perfect microculture for the vines to grow in. Greg is to source out for us the perfect replacement vine, most probably a Syrah or petite Syrah which are the best Pierce's Disease resistant vines available currently. His final comment was that we should have used only a single cordon rather than two when we originally planted the vines at 4 feet on center. He recommended we switch to planting at 6 foot centers, because this would allow a cordon on either side of the main stem. This will reduce the number of our vines from 119 to about 80.

All in all, it was a perfect 45 minutes. Both Lorra and I felt encouraged and blessed by his visit. We will be seeking donations for some of the expenses, perhaps doing something similar what we did last time when we asked for a donation for each vine, placing the donor's name or dedication on the vine.

Once we know what the various costs are, we'll be in further contact with you all.

Blessings,
Gordon and Lorra

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 AM EKKO Church 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday service on Zoom and Facebook	2 7:00 PM Good Friday Service on Zoom and Facebook	3 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom Holy Saturday Service –LA Diocese
4 9:00 AM EKKO Church 10:00 AM Easter Sunday—Parking Lot Pulpit, weather permitting	5 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	6 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	7 7:00 PM Taizé Service	8 7:00 AM EKKO Church 5:00 PM Early Birds Cocktail Hour on Zoom	9	10 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom
11 9:00 AM EKKO Church 10:00 AM Online Service -- Zoom and Facebook Live	12 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	13 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	14	15 7:00 AM EKKO Church	16	17 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom 9:00 AM Plant Sale
18 9:00 AM EKKO Church 10:00 AM Online Service -- Zoom and Facebook Live	19 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	20 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	21 6:30 PM Vestry on Zoom	22 7:00 AM EKKO Church	23 6:30 PM Movie night	24 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom
25 9:00 AM EKKO Church 10:00 AM Online Service -- Zoom and Facebook Live	26 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	27 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	28	29 7:00 AM EKKO Church	30	

This Month's Happenings

Most in-person events have been cancelled until further notice.

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Thursday, April 1, 7pm

Friday, April 2, 7 pm

Saturday, April 3

Sunday, April 4, 10 am

Wednesday, April 7, 7pm

Thursday, April 8, 5 pm

Friday, April 23, 6:30 pm

Evening Bible Study on Zoom

Women's Bible Study on Zoom

Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Maundy Thursday Service on Zoom

Good Friday Service on Zoom

Holy Saturday with the LA Diocese

Easter Sunday Service-Parking Lot Pulpit

Taizé on Zoom

Early Birds Cocktail Hour on Zoom

Movie Night on Zoom

PLEASE HELP US OUT!

WOULD YOU LIKE "THE EPISTLE" SENT TO YOU ELECTRONICALLY? LET US KNOW AT office@emmanuelfullerton.org, AND WE WILL SWITCH YOU OVER.

AND IF YOU NO LONGER WANT TO RECEIVE "THE EPISTLE," EMAIL US AT office@emmanuelfullerton.org.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
1145 W. Valencia Mesa Dr.
Fullerton, CA 92833
(714)879-8070
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #963
Fullerton, CA