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Welcome to 2022

Thank you for worshipping on Zoom and Facebook during the winter of 2021. Thank you for coming back over and over again online, and thank you for making the best of a really challenging and difficult situation.

Thank you for worshipping in the parking lot with me and the musicians when we could. It was a lot of work but it was a lot of fun. Thank you for drinking the communion wine out of little biodegradable cups. Thank you for being flexible.

Thank you for coming back on Pentecost. Thank you for hanging in with me during EKKO Church's transition from Edwards Hall to the Sanctuary. Thank you for staying when you wanted to leave. Thank you for coming back even when you didn't want to. Thank you.

2022 has to be all about courage. I have so many conversations about growing the church but the church won't grow if we are not willing to be brave, if we aren't willing to take risks. We took a lot of risks in 2021. Worshipping outdoors when that hadn't been done before. Blending two services into one when that hadn't been done before. Opening up Discovery Gardens Learning Center when a lot of other preschools were closing. Inviting EKKO to share our sanctuary.

In order to grow we have to let go of the past and look toward the future with curiosity and imagination. The Holy Spirit is all about creation and imagination. My invitation to you this year is to imagine what Emmanuel can be. Our God is an abundant, extravagantly loving God, and our God wants us to dream big. So, let's do that. Let's dream big.

Happy New Year!

Love and Blessings, Rev. Holly

Senior Warden's Corner

Loren Maxwell, Senior Warden

This is my last article for the Senior Warden's Corner. I have informed Rev. Holly and the Vestry that I am stepping down as Senior Warden. I have agreed to stay on until a replacement can be found, but not beyond March 31st. I want to devote more time to my family and to my outside ministry with hospice. It has been an honor to serve you this past year. I want to thank all of you for your support and words of encouragement. A special thanks to those of you who contributed to making Rev. Holly's Institution a success. Please pray with me that the right person will be found to support our rector, support our congregation and to be an active participant in leading us into the next phase of our journey as a church.

"Epistle" Editor Needed!!

After 7 years as Editor, I am stepping down to give someone else an opportunity to serve. Please consider volunteering for this position. Rev. Holly has decided that if we do not find a new editor, the "Epistle" will cease publication after the February issue. Please contact me at Inyaggah@gmail.com or Rev. Holly at rector@emmanuelfullerton.org if you are interested. I would be happy to walk you through the process of preparing the newsletter for publication.



An Important Message from Your Treasurer

Operating income for November was \$23,342.00. Operating expenses for the month were \$20,007.64. This means we had a net Operating Fund gain of \$3,334.46 for the month. Year to date, the Operating Fund has a deficit of \$32,052.67. Last year at this point the deficit was \$26,698.10. Giving from the congregation to the Operating Fund so far this year is \$193,622, which is down from last year's total, which was \$211,572 at the same point in time.

Based on the information available at this time, I project that giving to the Operating Fund in 2022 by the congregation will be at least \$35,000 less than in 2021. That's going to have a significant impact on our operations. Please pray for our financial needs.

With much gratitude for your prayers and support!

Blessings!

Dave Dunlap, Treasurer
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Please help!

Gordon Dickinson lost his ring while working in the Emmanuel Garden. It is of great sentimental value to him, and he has asked us to help him find it. Many of us work in the garden, so please keep your eyes out for his ring. If you find it, let Gordon know right away or bring it to the office if it is a weekday. He would really appreciate our help.

The Growing Connection

The Garden received a most wonderful Christmas gift. An anonymous donor gave the Vineyard \$2,000. This was very much a surprise. It once again proved to us that this is God's Garden, and God wants it to flourish. We had a wonderful Release Party for our 2019 and 2020 vintages on September 19th. The turnout was great, the snacks good, and the wine even better. A good time was had by all. We are still accepting donations for the new vines. If you would like to recognize someone special this is a great way to do it. Each \$25 donation will cover the cost of replacing one of the vines. Our next Vineyard event will happen soon. Watch for more information.

The past two years have been so strange – more so than we could have imagined. On top of Covid I had my back surgery in August 2019, which left me unable to walk, followed by a left hip replacement this last June. I am still working on recovery. I went to PT today. We are working on balance by learning to walk in a straight line. It is my prayer that I will be able to fully work in the garden this growing season. I would be most grateful if you would join me in prayer.

Gordon has been working hard on getting the garden ready for spring. He has rebuilt several beds using the hay, straw, compost method that has been so successful for us. We haven't installed the second trellis yet but we hope to soon. He has planted the shallots. The onions, yellow, red, and leeks have been ordered. They will arrive in January. We order these onions/leeks out of Texas, and they come as starts in clumps of around 60 to 70 plants. We eat a lot of onions but because of our wonderful CA climate they do not dry as well as they should or last as long. Consequently, we almost always lose some before we can eat them. Let us know if you would like some plants -- we will gladly share.

In the garden we have a volunteer tomato that is still producing. We think it is going on its 4th year. And Beth Jahncke still has eggplant in her garden plot. This is from a plant that is 2 years old. We did not take it out last year as it was still producing, and it does not look like it's coming out this year. We may have 2 new gardeners. A mother has requested plots for her 20-something kids, a son and a daughter. Her children have visited the Garden, 2 plots have been chosen, a trellis has been requested, and we

have talked about what they can plant. The registration form has not been returned yet, but we are hopeful.

I finally saw my first poinsettias of the season this week. It was at the Val Mesa building as I went in for x-rays. They had big round pots filled with them. It was a beautiful sight. I was reminded of all the years when the Garden offered Armstrong-grown Poinsettias for the Holidays. They were wonderful plants (I still have one in my yard) and for me just being around all those beautiful bright red plants was a joy.

Blessings and Happy Growing,
Lorra

“In the United States and in the world, we have different cultures, different politics, different experiences that have shaped our beliefs. But if we can establish that we’re working toward some common good, whether we like each other or not, then we can be brothers and sisters. . . Let’s all stop worrying about whether we like each other and choose to believe instead that we’re capable of doing good together. . .

If love is your purpose . . . it was and still is the time to double down on prayer. Because prayer, real prayer, is both contemplative and active. . . Part of that is working for a good, just, humane, and loving society. That means getting on our knees [to pray] . . . and it *also* means standing on our feet and marching in the streets. It means praying through participation in the life of our government and society. . . Through fashioning a civic order that reflects goodness, justice, and compassion, and the very heart and dream of God for all of God’s children and God’s creation.”

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, *Love is the Way*

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
2 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	3 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	4 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	5 7:00 PM Taizé Service	6 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	7 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	8 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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This Month's Happenings

Mondays at 7 p.m.
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Evening Bible Study begins September 20
Women's Bible Study begins September 21
Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 5 , 7pm
Thursday, January 13, 6:30pm
Saturday, January 15, 9-12

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Early Birds
Plant Sale and Garden Work Day

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