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In celebration of the two-year anniversary of Rev. Holly's arrival at Emmanuel, here is her very first Epistle column, for your enjoyment!

The Breath of the Holy Spirit (2019)

In the month of June our liturgical colors go from white, to red, to green. There will be a lot of excitement because change is in the air and there will be a lot of sadness because change is in the air. I'm here to tell you that all of it, mixed up all together, is ok. In fact, it is better than ok, it is good. Because change, anticipation, excitement, fear, anxiety, sadness and whatever else we all might be feeling means we are alive. To be alive and wrestling with the complexities, messiness, and joys of church life means we are available to the Holy Spirit, to work in, around and through us.

The disciples, oh my word! The complexities of feelings they must have dealt with from Good Friday to Pentecost. Their teacher and friend, tortured and murdered, raised from the dead two days later, and then they encounter the risen Christ, in their fear, grief, and uncertainty.

At one point, Jesus appears to Peter and a few other at the Sea of Tiberius, where Peter and his friends have gone fishing. The beautiful thing that happens to Peter and the others while they are fishing is that Jesus plops himself down right in the middle of them and their confusion, doubt, and grief. Jesus suggests they readjust their nets and see what happens and then cooks them breakfast. When the Holy Spirit nudges us to readjust, see things from a new perspective, the possibilities are endless. If the Holy Spirit is anything, the Holy Spirit is full of surprises. Wonderful and scary.

So, here we are, the new kid on the block and the people who have been church together a long time. Like me, you might feel some anxiety in all the uncertainty. Are we going to like her? What's with the tattoos? Does she have enough experience? What about all the things we love, the music, the liturgy, the doves and fire at Pentecost? The Emmanuel community has been through enough change for one congregation to process for the time being. We don't know what God has planned for the community of Emmanuel, but we do know that God being God, it will be wonderful and amazing. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the disciples and that promise is made to us as well. So, for right now, we will just be. The invitation for us, I believe, is to just breathe, be still and know. Know that God is in charge, and as long as we are alive and breathing the possibilities are endless, and the Holy Spirit will guide and direct our next steps as we grow in faith and love as Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Fullerton

With love,
Rev. Holly

***SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 2PM
REV. HOLLY'S INSTITUTION CELEBRATION***

Senior Warden's Corner

Loren Maxwell

On Saturday, September 11th at 2:00pm we will have an Institution Celebration for our Rev. Holly Cardone. What is an Institution Celebration? When a priest agrees to take the position of rector at a parish there is a contract that is signed. That is the legal part. That was done on June 1, 2019. In normal times this would be followed approximately six months later with a celebratory service called an Institution. However, as plans were in their beginning stages last year, Covid-19 hit, and all plans were put on hold. The Institution service will be led by Bishop Taylor. The Celebration involves the giving of gifts during the service and a reception afterwards. We have a committee which is already working on all the details involved. You will be given an opportunity to contribute to this celebratory affair either as a group or as an individual. More details on that to come. If you are interested in seeing more details of the service, you will find the Institution Celebration starting on page 558 of the Book of Common Prayer.



An Important Message from Your Treasurer

Thank you so much for your continued financial support for Emmanuel!

Operating income for May was \$22,231.35 while expenses were \$19,078.92. This means we had a net operating fund gain of \$3,152.43 for the month. This is excellent! We had expenses of about \$2,770 related to the reopening of the Emmanuel Environmental Early Learning Center (EEELC). Our new playground fencing should be installed very soon, hopefully by the time you receive this Epistle. The asphalt that was covering much of the playground has been removed and replaced with wood chips over layers of gravel and topsoil. This project had to be done but it turned out to be much more expensive than we had anticipated. The old asphalt was 8" deep in some spots and there was even a large concrete pad underneath one section that also had to be removed. We could really use your help to cover the cost. If you'd like to help, please note "Playground" on your check or make an eGiving online donation to the Preschool and send me an email to let me know that it's for the playground improvement project.

We're continuing to upgrade our audio and video equipment. If you'd like to help support this effort you can make a donation on our website and select the "Audio/Video Upgrade" choice, or you can mail a check to the church and write "A/V upgrade" on the memo line.

With much gratitude for your prayers and support!

Blessings!

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Why Emmanuel?

In January 2016, we moved from New Jersey for warmer weather and less snow. We left our family and friends to start a new chapter of our lives. We came out with a list of Episcopal churches in the area and visited them one by one in search of a loving church family like the one we left in New Jersey but we didn't find it anywhere. The interim rector at one of the churches said, "I would love for you to come here, but if this isn't right for you, let me help you look." We gladly accepted her offer, and she gave us a list of Episcopal churches in the area. All of them were already on our list except one:

Emmanuel. “How did we miss that one?” we thought. This was the last Episcopal church in the area, and if it wasn’t a good fit, we would have to start looking at other denominations.

We visited one Sunday morning and were welcomed with smiles and hugs. The service was very different from what we were used to: people made a circle around the altar and held hands. There were three Hallelujahs and people knelt around the altar as other parishioners laid hands on them and prayed for them. All this initially seemed a little hard to get used to, but the people were amazing. They welcomed each other and us with such genuine love, and they made us feel right at home.

When the time came to pass the peace, someone turned to us and said, “This could take a while.” (Peace at our old church took about fifteen minutes). Right then, we knew that this was the church home we had been looking for.

We left a loving church family in New Jersey and never thought we would find that again, but then we found Emmanuel, which was all that and more. Our loving family at Emmanuel has seen us through painful times, like the loss of my brother, and has also celebrated with us through joyous times, like renewing our vows and blessing our home in Yorba Linda.

Every day we pray for the wonderful family we have at Emmanuel and thank God for leading us to you. May God bless each and every one of you as God has blessed us by knowing you.

Blessings,
Lynda and Rich Bronzellino

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

Discovery Gardens is about two months away from opening at the time this is being written. We have removed the asphalt and extra concrete in the playground to provide a more natural setting for our students, and we have expanded the playground into the parking lot. Gravel, topsoil, and wood chips have been spread in the new spaces. We have moved the brown and green playhouse to the Children’s Garden to store the gardening and creative play supplies for our students. Please come and take a look at the playground and ask for a tour of the Discovery Gardens classrooms any Sunday. The last stage of the reimagined space is the new fence, which should be installed in early July. We still need donations for the cost of the new fence around the playground (\$18,000).

We already have a very generous contribution toward the fence, but the cost of materials and labor has gone up, and we have to cover that.

Our new Director is now working full time to recruit and prepare for students. He has made the classrooms beautiful and intriguing for young children.

This has been a costly project, so we still need donations to offset these costs. Many of you have already contributed, and we sincerely thank you. To contribute, contact Rev. Holly or our Treasurer, Dave Dunlap.

Garden Update

The garden is beautiful! The new plants in the vineyard are healthy and growing fast. The pomegranate trees are full of fruit, as are the berries, peaches, and citrus. We are trying to save the biggest-ever apple crop for the Discovery Gardens students in August. We hope it holds on until then.

The vegetables are amazing. We already have round zucchini, rainbow chard, kale, and early growth of butternut squash. But the thing we are looking forward to is our tomato crop. The tomatoes are thriving and beginning to set fruit. We anticipate a bumper crop for ourselves and for the Hub. We will have more tomatoes than we've ever had, thanks to the work and organizing skills of Tim, Dave H, and Holly, along with other faithful garden workers.

Those of you who grew up with home-grown tomatoes know that nothing from the grocery store even comes close. Now we do have a bit of a controversy about how to eat home-grown slicers like beefsteaks. Some of us insist that sprinkling the slices with salt and pepper is the only way to eat them, but others advocate for a sprinkle of sugar on those slices. Yes, sugar. You should try it. It's a rare treat. But it only works with the rich smell and taste of a real tomato from the garden.

We are looking forward to having children in the Children's Garden again when Discovery Gardens opens in August. Our new Director, Tim Bongco, is working on rebuilding the space under the trees so that the students can do science, math, art, drama, and so many other activities in the midst of a natural setting. Research shows that children thrive when they spend time outside, and we are grateful that Gordon and Lorra envisioned this children's space when they designed the garden.

We encourage you to take a walk through the garden during this time. You will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 AM EKKO Church	2	3 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
4 Independence Day 9:00 AM EKKO Church 9:00 AM Sunday Service in Sanctuary and online	5 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	6 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	7 7:00 PM Taizé Service	8 7:00 AM EKKO Church 6:30 PM Early Birds	9	10 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study
11 9:00 AM EKKO Church 9:00 AM Sunday Service in Sanctuary and online	12 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	13 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	14	15 7:00 AM EKKO Church	16	17 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Plant Sale and Garden Work Day
18 9:00 AM EKKO Church 9:00 AM Sunday Service in Sanctuary and online	19 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study	20 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	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
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This Month's Happenings

We returned to services in the Sanctuary at 9 am on May 23. Services are also online.

Mondays at 7 p.m.

Evening Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, July 7, 7pm

Taizé

Thursday, July 8, 6:30pm

Early Birds

Saturday, July 17, 9-12

Plant Sale and Garden Work Day

Friday, July 23, 6:30 pm

Movie Night

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