



The Emmanuel Epistle

Learn, Love, Serve

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Easter is Here!

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church said about Easter, in his Easter sermon from The Washington National Cathedral, that it “doesn’t look like Easter. It doesn’t smell like Easter. It doesn’t feel like Easter. But it’s Easter anyway!” He goes on to say that Mary Magdalene, on her way to the tomb, “was doing what love does.” She showed up, acted and cared. My favorite part of his sermon was this line, “Love doesn’t change the fact of death but love lives through it.”

Last month I said I could not predict where we would be in May, and now in May we cannot predict where we will be in June. But we know where we are now, and that is in Easter.

Love doesn’t change the fact that there is a worldwide pandemic, or that a record 22 million people have applied for unemployment, or that healthcare systems in some parts of the country are strained beyond capacity. Love doesn’t change the fact that many people have died alone, separated from their loved ones, from COVID-19. Love doesn’t change the fact that we haven’t hugged our extended families in what seems like a very long time, or that we have no idea what the long-term effects will be on our communities, our country and the world. But love does dictate our response. Love can determine how we act in the middle of uncertainty, fear, anxiety and grief.

Love is living through the people of Emmanuel by showing up to the garden and making compost and tending to garden beds. You can participate in this act of love even if gardening isn’t your thing by saving your fruit and vegetable scraps, egg shells and coffee grounds and delivering them to the garden. Just put them by the gate into the garden or text or call Kathy Eppick at 562-972-2776. Love is living through the Emmanuel service project of working with OC United and CityNet to put together bagged breakfasts for our

neighbors experiencing homelessness during this crisis. You can reach out to Nancy Shively, chaplainshive@gmail.com, who with others is spearheading this effort. You can give to the outreach fund to help purchase needed items or sign up to put breakfast bags together. Someone will pick them up from your house and deliver them to the drop-off point. Love is living through our participation in the stay home order to ensure the lessening of the curve of infections which will impact in a positive way our healthcare system.

Alleluia, He is Risen! The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Love has risen and lives among us, through each and every one of us. Easter is here. Look around, I bet you can get a whiff of it!

Blessings, Rev. Holly



An Important Message from Your Treasurer

Thanks to your generosity, we came out ahead in the Operating Fund for the month of March. Amazing!! Operating Fund income was \$25,030 while Expenses were \$21,043 giving us a net gain of \$3,987 for the month. As of the end of March our Operating Fund is \$7,038 in the red. Last year at the same point in time our Operating Fund deficit was \$19,991.

The Walkway (Patio) pavers have been sealed. Since the church is “closed” and our vendor really wanted the work, we managed to negotiate a savings of almost \$1,500 on the sealing work. It was a win-win. They needed the job, we needed to save some money. Great work by Howard Minkley, our Junior Warden!

Your Treasurer has the kneepads on standby. Even though we did well financially in March, our financial situation will continue to be challenging in the coming months. I encourage those of you who donate to Emmanuel to please continue to donate by sending checks to my attention at the church, or by using our eGiving portal which you can access at <https://www.emmanuelfullerton.org>. Click the Donate link on the menu bar at the top of the screen to be directed to our secure eGiving page. If you have any questions please reach out to me and I'll be happy to help.

With much gratitude for your prayers and support!

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Emmanuel Community Garden and Vineyard

Spring has definitely come to the garden and it is working overtime to provide inspiration and solace to us during this time. The grapevines are leafing out and miniature bunches of grapes are emerging everywhere. The drip system for the grapevines has been fine-tuned and repaired, and the controller has been replaced, so we expect a healthy crop if the weather cooperates. It is said that “grapes have to suffer” to make good wine, so we don’t fertilize or water excessively. However, with the intense heat in this part of the country, they do need a good watering system.

The roses are blooming and gracing us with their beauty. They do love this soil. Drive by the garden and take a look at the pink/coral rosebushes near the fence – they are spectacular! The berry vines are full of blossoms and promise a great crop this year. The fruit trees are setting fruit, including our prolific and Biblical pomegranates. A number of our gardeners have planted tomatoes and an assortment of other vegetables and flowers, and the beds look beautiful. We also have to give credit to our wonderful weekly gardening staff – Dante and Horacio -- who have labored long and hard to clear the garden of weeds. We almost have them under control...for now!

The children’s garden is producing strawberries, and one of our preschool teachers has planted vegetables and continues to come and take care of them. Much of the children’s garden is in the shade, so we are limited in what can grow, but it will look beautiful when everything has been renewed.

And finally, our compost piles are producing very impressive “dirt” for the first time in a while. Thanks to Tim and Kathy for their hard work in turning and monitoring the piles, and thanks to all of you for contributing kitchen scraps from your fruit and vegetables. Holly encouraged everyone to save their scraps in her column this month. It’s pretty easy and if you do it right, it doesn’t have to be messy. We won’t have to buy compost any more – we can make our own!

There’s nothing like going to the garden to realize once again that God has blessed us with the beauty of nature. We recommend it to everyone! If you are interested in having a garden plot or working on one of the many jobs in the garden, please contact Lynette at Inyaggah@gmail.com

Blessings,
Your Garden Team

We now have services online on Zoom every Sunday at 10 am. We have restarted Bible study online on Zoom, but all in-person events at Emmanuel have been cancelled. The calendar reflects these changes.

The Editor

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom
3 10:00 AM Online Service-- Zoom and Facebook	4 7:00 PM Evening Bible Study on Zoom	5 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study on Zoom	6	7	8	9 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom
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This Month's Happenings

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

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