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Living in Gratitude

“Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides. It means that you are willing to stop being such a jerk. When you are aware of all that has been given to you, in your lifetime and the past few days, it is hard not to be humbled, and pleased to give back.”

— **Anne Lamott, *Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers***

I first came across writer Anne Lamott when I read her book “Operating Instructions.” In this little book she told the bold truth about her experiences as a single mother to her infant son, Sam. Lamott is a truth teller. Being a single mom to an infant was not candy kisses and pink hearts. It was messy, scary, hard, hilarious, and joyful. In her other books she tells the truth about her Christian faith, her life in recovery, her relationship to her body, to people, to God, to her art, the good, the bad and the ugly. I have read just about everything she’s written since I read “Operating Instructions” when my son, Cooper, was a toddler in 1996.

Anne Lamott is a modern-day prophet and mystic, a writer I look to for hope, guidance, understanding and acceptance, and I’m always guaranteed laugh-out-loud moments of recognition in her work, too.

Focusing on gratitude is a daily spiritual practice for me. Whether I voice my gratitude to God out loud during my prayers or text the five things I'm grateful for on a nightly basis to my group of sobriety sisters, I know that when I'm focusing on gratitude there's not a lot of room to focus on what's going wrong or what I'm lacking. When I'm focused on all I have to be grateful for like my health, my sobriety, the privilege to serve God and you in the community of Emmanuel, the people in my life whom I love and are healthy and well, my home, food in the fridge, a car to drive, technology to make life easier, Roxie, all the support and love of the people in church who serve to make the whole thing run smoothly, I'm way less of a jerk and I am truly humbled and grateful to be able to give back, that which was so freely given to me.

Thanksgiving is around the corner. Let's spend our November awash in gratitude.

In Christ's love, Rev. Holly

Would you like to join the Christmas Eve Choir? Contact Rev. Holly, Ginger Cash, or Dean Crabb.

Senior Warden's Corner

Loren Maxwell, Senior Warden

This is the time of the year when we begin to pray and seek the Spirit's leading concerning new Vestry members for the coming year. The Vestry consists of the Rector, the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary and nine Vestry members. The Vestry is responsible for certain administrative and fiduciary decisions in the governance of the church. The Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary do not have defined terms of service. The nine Vestry members serve for three years. Each year three members go off Vestry and three new members are chosen to replace them.

At the October Vestry meeting, members are asked to seek the leading of the Holy Spirit as to members of the congregation who they think would make good Vestry members. At the November Vestry meeting we share the names of those people. We then have another month of discernment. At the December meeting, each member votes by secret ballot from the list of names created at the November meeting. The Senior Warden compiles the

votes and submits to the Rector the names of the candidates in descending order of vote count. The Rector then contacts the candidates starting with the one with the most votes to see if they are willing to serve a three-year term. She continues down the list until she has three candidates who agree to serve. Those candidates are presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in January. Please join with us in prayer as we go through this discernment process.



An Important Message from Your Treasurer

Operating income for September was \$19,808.00 while expenses were \$27,333.83. This means we had a net operating fund loss of \$7,525.83 for the month. Year to date, the Operating Fund has a deficit of \$38,355.97. Last year at this point the deficit was \$44,280.63. Giving from the congregation to the Operating Fund so far this year is \$155,308.21 which is down from last year which was \$175,343.80 at the same point in time. We had budgeted giving to the Operating Fund this year through September to be \$198,747.00.

Major expenses in September included our quarterly Property and Liability Insurance payment of \$5,622.75, our Electric bill of \$1,460.62, and Music expense of \$1,679.77.

With much gratitude for your prayers and support!

Blessings! Dave Dunlap, Treasurer
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November is Stewardship Month at Emmanuel

We invite you to pray and reflect on this scripture from the letter of James, the brother of Jesus: "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..." James 1:17, NSRV. How will you give to Emmanuel of your time, treasure, and talent for the year 2022? Every gift given, every gift received is a block used to build the kingdom of God in our time. Rev. Holly+

The Growing Connection

Last month, I reviewed the history of the Emmanuel vineyard, ending with the discovery in 2018 that the vines were affected with something serious that turned the leaves blotchy and ended up with the vines not producing much of a harvest except for raisins. The harvest in 2019 was worse, the vines having many red colored leaves which dropped off the vine, along with the same shriveled-up grapes as in 2018.

We set about finding answers to our problem, having serious thoughts in our minds that we had Pierce's Disease. Through our research it was recommended by Professor Carmen that we join the Temecula Valley Small Wine Growers Association. During the first session we attended on Zoom, they were talking about Pierce's Disease. Greg Pennyroyal had arranged for vineyard owners who wanted to have their vines tested for this disease to drop samples off at Wilson Creek Winery. We promptly did this. A few weeks later we learned that unfortunately, all our samples had Pierce's Disease.

As we know, Pierce's Disease is not harmful to people, but it is a death sentence for vines. All we could do was to dig up our entire vineyard and plant anew with disease resistant vines. This was devastating news for us. We arranged to meet Greg, together with his foreman Pedro, at Wilson Creek Winery to discuss our situation. Greg shared with us that he and Pedro had some work planned in Rancho Cucamonga in a couple of weeks. They would come and visit our vineyard before returning to Temecula.

Greg was pleasantly surprised and pleased with what he saw, saying that it was one of the best designed private vineyards he had seen. Through Pedro, it was arranged for a group of skilled vineyard workers from Temecula to come and replant our vineyard with vines known to be resistant to Pierce's Disease. We set about preparing our vineyard for replanting. On March 28 at 6am, a Wilson Creek truck appeared in our church parking lot, soon followed by another truck. Eleven men "fell out" and immediately began to work. They worked like a well-oiled machine, each worker knowing precisely what to do. It was a pleasure watching them. They only stopped to have lunch at 9 am and the work was completed before 1 pm.

Not only had they planted 100 vines, but they had also tied them up to newly placed stakes and modified the watering system for the entire

vineyard. By the end of August, the new grapevines were thriving. You should go visit the vineyard and see the growth; some of the vines have runners more than 10 ft long. All this growth is to put energy into the root system. Come the new year, all this growth will be cut off and the new Primitivo vines will be grafted onto the root stock. Primitivo grapes produce Zinfandel wines.

As to the cost of replanting, we have successfully received money covering about 50% of our cost to date. You have the opportunity to have one or more vines of your own for a \$25 per vine donation. If you want to help with the re-establishment of our vineyard, contact me or put "Vineyard" on the memo line of your check.

Sincerely,
Gordon
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SAVE THE DATE!
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

November 28, 10:30am	Wreath Making for First Sunday in Advent
December 5,12,19, 11 am	Advent Study Group after Service
December 19, 4:30 pm	Greening of the Church and Supper
December 24, 3pm	Family Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 9 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service and Choir

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 All Saints Day 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	2 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM All Souls' Service	3 7:00 PM Taizé Service	4 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	5	6 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
7 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	8 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	9 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Confirmation Study Session on Zoom	10 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Healing Service	11 Veterans Day 6:30 PM Early Birds 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	12	13 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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21 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service in Sanctuary and Bishop's Visit for Confirmations 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	22 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	23 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	24	25 Thanksgiving Day 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	26 6:30 PM Movie night	27 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
28 Advent 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Advent Wreath Making 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	29 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	30 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study				

This Month's Happenings

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

Evening Bible Study
Women's Bible Study
Men's Bible Study

Sunday, October 31, 9 a.m.
Tuesday, November 2, 7 pm
Wednesday, November 3, 7pm
Wednesday, November 10, 7pm
Saturday, November 20, 9-12
Sunday, November 21, 9 am
Sunday, November 28, 10:30 am

All Saints' Day Service
All Souls' Day Service
Taizé
Healing Service
Plant Sale and Garden Work Day
Visit from Bishop and Confirmation Service
Advent Wreath Making

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