



The Emmanuel Epistle

Learn, Love, Serve

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Loss, Growth, and Change

It's official! I have formally been inducted as the rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

In his sermon at my Institution, Bishop Diocesan John Harvey Taylor spoke of the special feeling of family and home that Emmanuel embodies. So much so, that over the years, Emmanuelites were known "to love one another well, care for one another, and even finish each other's sentences just like in a family." But he also spoke of the loss and disconnection that happened when we left our buildings and worshipped online for a year during the pandemic. Not only did we lose a year of worship in the Sanctuary, but we lost a precious year of transition into a new way of being as Christ's Beloved Community in Fullerton.

The Institution was a formal rite of passage for everyone involved, from the committee that worked so hard to make it one of the most memorable days of my life, to the Emmanuelites, friends and family who attended the service. Right down to Pastor Isaac and Pastor Bryan (PB) from EKKO Church. Pastor Isaac generously gave his time to run the sound for us and PB came to witness the liturgy on behalf of his community.

A rite of passage that signifies the birth of something new is a loss as well. There can be no birth without death, no joy without grief, no resurrection without the cross. It is not easy, and what is being asked of you, is hard, really hard. Being open to the new thing is scary, change is challenging, and the loss of your beloved rector Fr. Rob can bring about profound

sadness and fear. But recognizing, acknowledging and embracing the sadness, being honest about being afraid of change is healthy, even as we are celebrating this relationship as new rector and congregation. It's all part of the process of loss, growth, and change.

When there are no words, scripture says it best, particularly the apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Philippi, "Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." Although, "forgetting what lies behind," is painful, the anticipation of the adventure that the Holy Spirit has for us, "the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus," is worth every tear.

God's peace be upon you.
Rev. Holly+

Senior Warden's Corner

Loren Maxwell, Senior Warden

Well, it finally happened! After delays due to Covid-19 and months of planning, Rev. Holly was officially inducted as the rector of Emmanuel. It was a beautiful Institution service with Bishop John Taylor presiding. Several priests and deacons from around the diocese attended. The reception was outstanding with many tasty items, some home-made and some catered. A big thank you to all who attended, those who donated, those who planned and those who helped during the service and the reception.

Some have asked about the times when EKKO church will be using our facilities. They have full use of the church campus during the following hours:

Sunday: 2:00 – 7:30pm

Thursday: 7:00 – 11:00pm

Friday: 7:00 – 11:00pm

Please plan your visits to the church campus around these times.



An Important Message from Your Treasurer

Operating income for June was \$23,021.99 while expenses were \$25,840.39. This means we had a net operating fund loss of \$2,818.40 for the month. Year to date, the Operating Fund has a deficit of \$30,830.14. Last year at this point the deficit was \$46,565.20. Giving from the congregation to the Operating Fund so far this year is \$141,649.21 which is down from last year which was \$155,701.61 at the same point in time.

Major expenses in August included installation of new Ecobee thermostats in the Sanctuary and in Edwards Hall, repair of a broken pipe outside the south wall of the Sacristy, and musicians for late July and early August. We also paid the balance due on the playground fence which was \$13,000. The Ecobees and almost all of the playground fence were paid for by designated donations.

With much gratitude for your prayers and support!

Blessings!

Dave Dunlap, Treasurer
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Quiet Day - October 9th

You are invited for a day of prayer and quiet on Saturday October 9th, 10:00am – 3:00pm, off campus at a private home. Spend time in prayer, bird watching, labyrinth walking, reading, journaling, and/or just being in the Presence. Bring bag lunch and we will provide water, coffee or iced tea.

Please RSVP to Beth Jahncke (714-514-0555) for specifics and for a head count.

Why Emmanuel?

Cathie Crosbie admits to arguing with God all the time, but says that God usually wins. Some twenty years ago, Cathie lost an argument and Emmanuel was granted a new member of our family who has the strength to stand up for her beliefs. At the time, Cathie was a second-generation cradle Episcopalian who was looking for a new church home, as her church had left the Episcopal fold after the ordination of Bishop Gene Robinson.

Cathie had met Father Rob at a retreat in Santa Barbara when she was a lay member of Sisters of the Holy Nativity. He was the spiritual leader for an exercise in meeting Jesus "where he was with us," which was the first time that Cathie had come face to face with God. Searching on the Diocesan Website, God pointed her towards Emmanuel. But Cathie had certain requirements: the church had to have music at the heart of its service, and it had to have a male priest. Female priests were starting to be ordained in large numbers, but Cathie was raised in a traditional church and could not imagine a woman leading the congregation. Yes, Emmanuel had everything she was looking for, but Mother Lyn's name was right there with Father Rob's. "Nope. Not for me," she told God. God replied, "Did you want me to find you a church or not?" In the end, Cathie gave in. "Oh, fine; you're God. I'll do what you want."

Emmanuel did our part. Cathie was warmly welcomed, and Father Paul filled the church with contemporary Christian music. Cathie had found a new home, and no surprise, she came to love Mother Lyn. Even though our congregation was divided between two separate services, Cathie became close to many Emmanuelites through Home Church, the weekly Bible study that used to take place at different members' homes. Cathie says that God speaks to her at Emmanuel.

When her gentle and beloved mother's health declined and then became critical, Father Paul and Mother Lyn came to the house to give the last rites, the final and arguably most important church blessing of our lives. When Cathie returned to church, she saw Jen Wagner sitting across the aisle, and God instructed her to get up and go hug Jen, a big lift for a shy person. Jen had recently suffered her own painful loss, and later told Cathie that her hug was a badly needed and much appreciated act of love.

Emmanuel is fortunate to have Cathie as part of our Emmanuel family. Reverend Holly and all the rest of us are thankful that Cathie is strong enough to argue with God and wise enough to give in when “He” insists.

The Growing Connection

How did I start wine making? Just before I emigrated from the UK to the USA in 1989, I attended a charity Wine and Cheese party for my church at a parishioner's house. The wine was homemade, and I thought, wow, if I could make wine as good as this, I'd never buy another bottle of wine.

However, trying to grow vines in western Pennsylvania was not a success. The soil around our house was pure shale, with a little coal mixed in, so I started making country wine, mainly wild blackberry from the fields around our house as my red wine, and crab apple wine as my white wine. I later found a grocery stall in the market in Pittsburgh that sold refrigerated grape juice straight from Lodi, CA, and that started me off on true winemaking.

Twelve years or so later, I came to sunny California to work and met Lorra here at Emmanuel and married her. We had built our community garden and that was running extremely well. However, there was a 100 X 100-foot parcel of land above the labyrinth that was still barren. We asked Father Rob if we could plant a vineyard. He gave his approval, suggesting we make red wine. He said this would be a far more spiritual wine to represent the blood of Jesus, than the pale rose colored sacramental wine we were using.

So, we planted approximately 60 Merlot vines in 4 rows and 40 Zinfandel vines in 3 rows. But let's go back in time for a minute. I purchased a book, written by Jeff Cox, called *From Vines to Wines*, a complete guide to growing grapes and making your own wine. We followed his instructions and designed then built a two-wire trellis vineyard. This was 2014 and we named the Church's vineyard “The Back Forty”.

In 2016 we had our first vintage. The wine was of reasonable quality and our vintages improved yearly. However, during the 2018 harvest we noticed that several bunches of grapes had dried up, like raisins, and the leaves were blotchy, turning red and dying. (Story to be continued in November.)

Happy Growing,
Lorra and Gordon

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church Fall Advances	2 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
3 Blessing of the Animals 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service in Sanctuary and Online 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	4 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	5 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	6 10:00 AM Healing Service 7:00 PM Taizé Service	7 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	8 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church Fall Advances	9 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
10 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service in Sanctuary and Online 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	11 Columbus Day 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	12 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	13 10:00 AM Healing Service	14 6:30 PM Early Birds 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	15 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church Fall Advances	16 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM EKKO Church. Recess (Respite Ministry for Special Needs Families) 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Plant Sale and Garden Work Day
17 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service in Sanctuary and Online 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	18 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	19 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	20 10:00 AM Healing Service 6:30 PM Vestry	21 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	22 6:30 PM Movie night	23 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
24 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service in Sanctuary and Online 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	25 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Bible Study	26 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	27 10:00 AM Healing Service	28 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM EKKO Church	29	30 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study
31 Reformation Day Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Emmanuel Sunday Service in Sanctuary and Online 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM EKKO Church (Whole Campus) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Trunk or Treat						

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.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 3, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, October 6, 7pm

Thursday, October 14, 6:30pm

Saturday, October 16, 9-12

Friday, October 22, 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.

Evening Bible Study begins September 20

Women's Bible Study begins September 21

Men's Bible Study

Healing Service

Blessing of the Animals

Taizé

Early Birds

Plant Sale and Garden Work Day

Movie Night

Trunk or Treat

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