



# *The Emmanuel Epistle*

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## ***The Season of Lent***

I have written this before, and I'm writing it again: I love our liturgical church. I love living in relationship with the rhythm of the church seasons. I love that colors demarcate the seasons of the church calendar. The Liturgical Calendar reminds me that my life ebbs and flows through seasons, experiences, transformations, and challenging times, just as the seasons of the church flow one into another.

We don't fight the seasons of our climate over the course of the year, or the seasons of our church year, but we often fight and defend against the seasons of our lives if those seasons bring discomfort, fear, or the challenge of dismantling those things about ourselves that stand in the way of a deeper, more meaningful connection with ourselves, our neighbors, and God.

Lent is just such a season. A time of repose, stillness, self-reflection, and maybe, as we approach Easter, the transformative experience of changing direction. *Metanoia*, the Greek word for "repent" in scripture, is the directive to change course, to alter our thinking or behavior, and to try a different way.

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This is one of my favorite prayers and I invite you to join me, during the Lenten season, to take some time in the morning to get quiet and say the prayer. This prayer encompasses all that the season of Lent calls us to explore.

“My creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength as I go out from here to do your bidding.”

Blessings for a Holy Lent.

Rev. Holly

<b><i>Gospel Readings for March</i></b>		
March 6	Luke 4:1-13	Jesus is tempted in the desert
March 13	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus speaks of prophets and Jerusalem
March 20	Luke 13:1-9	Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree
March 27	Luke 15:1-3, and 11-32	The parable of the prodigal son



## **Senior Warden's Corner**

by Marian Corral

Emmanuel's Annual Meeting took place on January 30, 2022, via Zoom. For those of you unable to attend here is a short recap (detailed minutes provided by our new secretary, Sue Wilson, are available).

We had a remarkably successful year with many extraordinary events despite Covid: Rev. Hollys Institution, the Bishops visit, confirmations, blessing of the animals, our first Día de Los Muertos, and the opening of Discovery Gardens in the Early Learning Center. It was also a productive year with several campus improvements made.

The 2022 budget was introduced and approved. Recognition to our exiting vestry members and Senior Warden, Loren Maxwell, for their service to Emmanuel. We also welcomed our new incoming Vestry members, as well as new board members.

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It is an honor to be named by Rev. Holly as Emmanuel's new Senior Warden. It is a privilege to be a part of this amazing, loving, and supportive church family. With your prayers and God's guidance, I will do my best.

My hope is that we move forward with purpose to get the word out to those beyond our walls, that Emmanuel is here, open and ready to welcome all to join us.

I look forward to where the Holy Spirit guides us.



## ***From Your Treasurer***

by Kimberly Nordstrom

Hello, Emmanuel! I'd like to introduce myself. For those who do not know me, I am Kimberly Nordstrom and I am honored to be serving as your new Treasurer. I came to Emmanuel in 1991 with my husband, Jeffrey Gurzi, and we raised our two children, Devon and Delaina, in the church. I was so welcomed into this community that I knew I had found my people.

For the past 30 years, I have been the co-owner of Specialized Painting Company, serving as office manager. As a small business owner I can bring this experience to Emmanuel and that expertise will guide me in fulfilling my duties as Treasurer.

At the annual meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>, Dave Dunlap's presentation gave a very comprehensive picture of where the finances are for Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Dave has left some pretty big shoes for me to fill! I am excited to start this new chapter, and I look forward to working with the Vestry as we head towards more growth and service in 2022!

Peace be with you!

Kimberly

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### ***THE EMMANUEL EPISTLE MAILING LIST UPDATE***

We are updating the Epistle mailing list so we would like you to tell us your preference by March 15. (If you've already done this, your fine!)

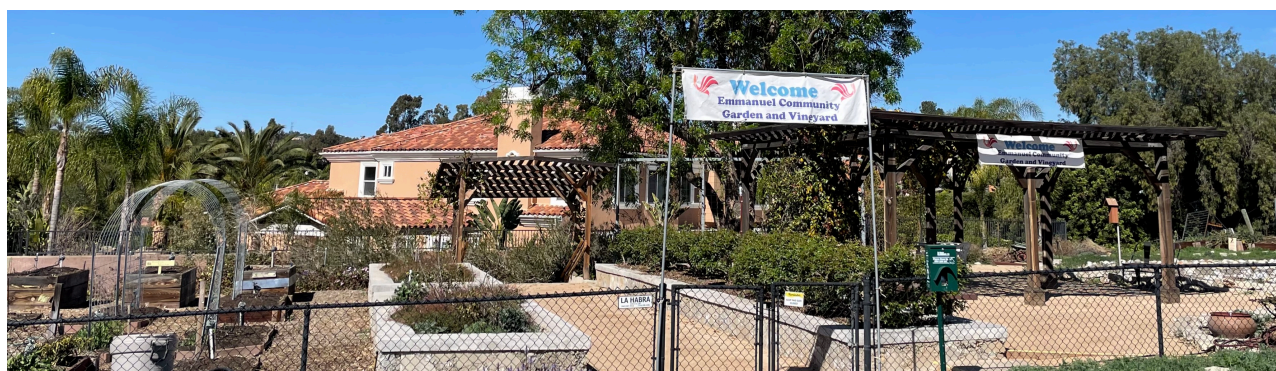
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## **The Growing Connection**

by Lorra Dickinson



There is not a lot happening in the Garden right now. Our peas are doing well as are the onions, shallots, and leeks. Broccoli, Cauliflower, and lettuce have recently been taken to the HUB. Many of you have also given citrus and avocados. Thank you! The people who shop at the HUB are very appreciative.

Beth Jahnke's eggplant is still producing. We have had a pepper plant come up in one of our beds. Gordon brought 3 of them home and I cut them up and put them on a pizza. My first bite of pizza was so hot I had to spit it out. We planted peppers last year, but they did not do well, and we definitely did not plant this kind. We believe it may be what is called a Ghost Pepper. Thank you, birds!

The weeds are starting to show themselves. If you are gardening, it is good to get the weeds out before they get very big. Once the roots become well established, they require a lot more energy to remove, maybe even a shovel. And please get them out before they flower and go to seed. We love to share seeds and plants with you, but not the weed seeds, thank you.

Actually, I like to pull weeds. I find it very meditative to sit on the warm ground and pull the weeds around you. This may have started when my kids were young. When the four of them saw me heading out to pull weeds, they all disappeared – and left me alone. Aha ... peace and quiet, pulling weeds in the warm spring sun!

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At home, Gordon planted two 4" bell peppers. They did well for about a week. Then, we suspect, they became part of a well-balanced dinner for the rabbit that visits occasionally. Gordon is not discouraged though he bought some new plants – 4 peppers, jalapeno and sweet banana, 4 eggplants, 6 broccoli and 6 cauliflowers. Me, I bought pansy's—a lot of them.

I think my "starting from seed" project has been a success. It is a lot slower than buying the 4" pots, but way cheaper. (The price of a 4" pot at Lowe's was just under five dollars.) Arugula was the first to show its face. They are now getting their first set of real leaves; soon I will be able to plant them in the ground. The mesclun mix was next, followed by red sails lettuce. (Many years ago, I used to grow red sails, from a 6-pack. It was my favorite lettuce and I had not seen it is years.)

The others—borage, parsley, cilantro, sage, Swiss chard, dill, chives, and one flower (a petunia)—are just now breaking ground and a couple are still sleeping. The Swiss chard and cilantro have surprised me. We have often had both of them come up as volunteers in the garden. I guess they are very hardy plants, but the seeds are slow to germinate.

The vineyard is doing well. We will soon be cutting the vines back to graft the 'real' vine on our very healthy root stock. On February 19 Gordon and crew went to Temecula to attend another pruning workshop sponsored by Wilson Creek Winery and Gregg Pennyroyal. Thanks to a donation of \$2,000, we now have sufficient funds for the replanting of the vineyard. However, if anybody wants to add to the garden fund, it is always greatly appreciated!

## ***Our Easter Choir***

By Dean Crabb

Hi Singers (meaning everyone at Emmanuel!)

I'm excited about Emmanuel Easter Choir coming soon. And I'm excited about the prospect of your participation in this fun exercise of worship. If you didn't do Christmas choir because it felt like too much at Christmas, here's is a chance to participate without the stress and time pressure that Advent brings. We plan to include three choral pieces in the Easter Sunday service. (Exciting. Hooray!)

The COVID-19 pandemic and the spread of the Omicron variant have kept us cautious, but I remain hopeful that we can do choir relatively safely in a rehearsal environment in which we are well spaced from each other. But if concerns about the safety of you or others prevents you from taking part, it's understood.

I'm picturing 4 or 5 Sunday rehearsals approaching Easter with an 11 am to 12 pm practice time (and leaving some time for fellowship after service).

Please add your voice to this worship experience.

Choir sign-up can begin even right now via an email to me:

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### **This Month's Happenings**

Mondays at 7 pm	Evening Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10 am	Women's Bible Study
Saturdays at 9 am	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday, March 1, at 6 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, March 2, at 7 pm	Ash Wednesday and Taizé Service
Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 pm	Early Birds

# Calendar for March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>6:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday and Taizé Service	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 - 10:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 - 10:30 AM</b> Emmanuel Sunday Service and Lenten Study  <b>2:00 - 8:30 PM</b> EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b> Evening Bible Study	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Early Birds <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 - 10:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 - 10:30 AM</b> Emmanuel Sunday Service and Lenten Study  <b>2:00 - 8:30 PM</b> EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b> Evening Bible Study	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Vestry	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 - 10:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>9:00 - Noon</b> Plant Sale and Garden Work Day  <b>3:00 PM</b> EKKO Church. Recess (Respite Ministry for Special Needs Families)
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 - 10:30 AM</b> Emmanuel Sunday Service and Lenten Study  <b>2:00 - 8:30 PM</b> EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b> Evening Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church	<b>25</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Movie night <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 - 10:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 - 10:30 AM</b> Emmanuel Sunday Service and Lenten Study  <b>2:00 - 8:30 PM</b> EKKO Church (Whole Campus)	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b> Evening Bible Study	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>7:00 - 11:00 PM</b> EKKO Church		