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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

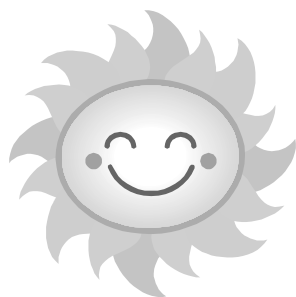
Dear Friends: As I write, I am preparing for an August vacation and I am looking forward to returning to the Parish in September as we begin our busy fall programme and resume our activities at Emmanuel.

Most groups and organizations will return from their summer "break" and continue in their work and fellowship. This is an excellent time for each of us to consider renewing our participation in parish life and perhaps doing something we haven't done before.

Why not join the choir or the Echoes or become a server? Why not consider helping with the Sunday School or Nursery? Joining a parish organization or group? Reading, leading the Prayers of the People, or counting the collection? The list is long and the need is great for persons to step forward and make Emmanuel, with God's grace, a vital, lively, growing community. This can only happen if we take initiative and don't leave it to others to make our Parish the place we want it to be.

The fall is also a time for

new beginnings and new energy. We may see someone in church who is looking for a church home, or is unfamiliar to us. They need to be made welcome and made to feel part of our family. Rather than wonder if they are new or even who they are, why not ask them yourself?



Don't assume that someone else will do it or that they will find their own way. Introduce yourself, tell them you're glad they are here, bring them to coffee hour, and encourage them to come back. Research shows that people will stay with a church if they are welcomed and if they get to know people as personal friends. This is in actuality something only lay people can do and not the clergy. Learn their names, invite them to be part of a parish

activity, and make sure the clergy know who they are. Personally inviting and bringing someone new is the best outreach.

In the fall our Church School begins a new season and we are thankful to Sylvia Patterson and the teachers for their commitment and hard work. Our ministry to children and outreach to families is an important part of our life together and we offer our support and encouragement to those who work with children. Again, if families or parents with children come to Emmanuel seeking our support in the Christian nurture of their children and in their spiritual journey, we need to welcome them with open arms and make sure they are comfortable here. Including and involving them, as well as people of all ages, is the work we do together as God's People in this place. We want our Church to become better known, more visible, and more welcoming.

This has been a busy summer for me as your priest. I am still very much a new-

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WELCOME TO EMMANUEL!

Welcome to the Anglican Parish of Arnprior, and to Emmanuel Church, a part of the Arnprior community since 1861.

Whether you are a newcomer to Emmanuel or a long time member, please consider joining us for one or more of the upcoming services. It is a great way to deepen your Christian faith while meeting some friendly people with common values – loving God and our neighbour!

Check us out online at www.emmanuelanglican.ca

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CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

Geoff Booth & Dan Perfitt

Although the weather has not been quite what we in the Ottawa Valley expect this time year, we note that most people have not permitted that to prevent them from "recharging their batteries" by spending time at the cottage, on the boat or by taking road trips. Meanwhile, life at Emmanuel has continued albeit also in summer mode. One highlight was the very active presence of our summer theology student, Jonathan Askwith. Who under our rector's watchful and helpful guidance carried out many of the duties of a parish priest, conducting services, preaching and making many home visits. We were impressed by Jonathan's abilities and by the conscientious way in which he carried out his duties. He also proved to be a very likeable fellow! We wish him well in the career to which he has been called.

At the eight o'clock liturgy on August 2nd Roger our rector dedicated a bible "To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Joan Mary Booth". The bible will be used by clergy during special services when a portable bible is required.

In 1967 a beautiful cope was given to Emmanuel by the teachers at Arnprior and District High School as a memorial to Bill and Lorraine Sly's infant son Shawn. The cope has been worn by a succession of clergy on many festive occasions over the years and was refurbished a few years ago. Bill and Lorraine have now donated a replacement for the well-worn cope. This new cope is also beautiful, being ecru in colour with gold thread embroidery. It will be dedicated at an appropriate service in the fall. We are pleased to report

that our warnings regarding the serious state of our finances delivered to both the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock congregations did not go unheeded, and we are encouraged by the fact that several members have increased their weekly/monthly givings. As a result the rate of depletion of our reserves has slowed significantly. At the end of July total offerings were slightly less than those for the same period in 2008 but, please note well, still significantly less than the budgeted amount. We must also be mindful that the budget is a deficit budget and some way to eliminate the deficit has yet to be found. Until this way has been found the future of Emmanuel must remain clouded. We hope and trust that the clouds will clear and that we shall see much more clearly after the stewardship campaign to be

held this fall with Geoff Barnes at the helm.

The fall promises to be a busy and exciting season at Emmanuel, beginning with a parish fellowship dinner on Saturday, September 26th. There will be Celtic musical entertainment, a silent auction and door prizes at the dinner. The dinner will also be the occasion for the launch of the stewardship campaign. October 24th is the date selected for our fund raising auction which is being organized by Wayne Mossman and his team. We hope that this event will give our finances a much needed boost. On the following evening (October 25th) a choral evensong is to be performed by a visiting choir. This event is being arranged by Roger our rector and it is planned to serve a pot-luck supper after the service.

FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

Fellowship Dinner

An evening of fun and fellowship for the parishioners of Emmanuel is planned for Saturday September 26 at 5:30pm.

A buffet meal (accompanied by fine wine) is being catered by Apple Sarah's. Entertainment throughout the evening will be provided by the Celtic music group **The Barley Shakers**. This evening will also mark the kickoff to the fall Stewardship campaign.

A silent auction, door prizes and a few surprises will make for a memorable evening. Plan on attending!

Tickets are \$15/person, on sale in now.

Fundraising Auction

A fundraising auction is being planned for Saturday October 24th.

This year the auction is being held at the community hall of the Nick Smith Centre. This larger and more accessible venue will accommodate more people and merchandise than the parish hall. Hopefully it will also attract many bidders and increase our community exposure!

As with past auctions help from parishioners is needed for planning, pre-auction groundwork, and during the event itself. Get involved and help make this event a success!

Watch for bulletin notices or speak to Wayne Mossman.

PARISH MINISTRY

Whether you are a new-comer to Emmanuel or a long time member, please consider joining one or more of our ministries. It is a great way to deepen your Christian faith while meeting some friendly people with common values – loving God and our neighbour! Consider contributing to life at Emmanuel...

...Through Service

- Property maintenance
- Fundraising activities
- Cleaning Church & Hall
- Sunday School Teacher*
- Nursery volunteer *
- Visiting shut-Ins *

...Through Worship

- Singing in the Choir
- Leading prayers
- Reading Scripture
- Preparing the Altar
- Serving at the Altar
- Arranging flowers

...Through Administration

- Stewardship Education
- Computer Skills
- Publicity & photography
- As Churchwarden
- Parish Council member
- Member of Synod

** Screening and Police Record Check required for some positions.*

GOODBYE

JONATHAN ASKWITH

I am surprised by how fast my three months here have passed. I have learned a lot during my time here, and it has been a great experience for me. It has been my pleasure to get to know you, to learn from you, and to worship together with you.

I am grateful that in such a short time you have made me feel welcome and a part of the Emmanuel church family. I will return to school in the fall with fond memories of my time among you, and will miss being here.

I would like to thank you for all you have done for me. I would particularly

like to thank those whom I had the opportunity to visit for taking time from their day to welcome me; the wardens and staff for all their help; those who attended my workshop on baptism in June; the members of my Learning Support Group for all their contributions to my learning here; and especially Roger, whose support, wisdom, experience, and knowledge have been vital as part of my learning experience here this summer.

I will remember my time here fondly and keep you in my thoughts and prayers as I begin a new school year this coming September.

STEWARDSHIP: WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

GEOFF BARNES

“What Should I Give” was the topic of this space in the spring news letter was. The topic of this article is “Why Should I Give?”

How do we answer this question? As Christians our answers will be unlike those given by secular society, which might respond to this question in different ways:

- Why should I give, don't I pay taxes? It's not my responsibility, it's the government's
- Let the rich give, they can afford it
- How does it benefit me to give?
- If my conscious is pricking me, how little can I give to remove the irritation?

As Christians we have, or ought to have, very different answers. Firstly our faith should compel us to give - it should make us need to give of our time, talents and treasure. We need to remember that God doesn't need our money. We need to give if we are to follow Jesus and the example of his generosity.

We also need to remember that our generosity gives pleasure to God. What I give is an important way to say thank you for the blessing of living in a society that provides us with a very high standard of living.

Two thoughts:

1. Ministry costs money, good ministry costs more
2. A generous grouch is a contradiction in terms.

Preparations for the fall stewardship campaign on are on track. At the September 26 fellowship dinner we will distribute a narrative budget, which explains how, where and why our money is spent, and other stewardship materials.

WORSHIPING TOGETHER

CANON ROGER YOUNG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The question of how to best use the prayers for the sick in the Prayers of the People has been raised a number of times, including at Parish Council, and we wish to approach this as pastorally and sensitively as possible. We believe in prayer and everyone should feel that this list is an important part of our ministry and worship. No one on our existing list is to be removed unless a request is received or for other valid pastoral reasons. Please remember the need to contact the Parish Office if names are to be added or removed. The policy will be that new names added by request will be used for six weeks and then renewed also by request. The whole list will be prayed for over the course of four Sundays or a month, but not all the names will be read every Sunday in

the case of names that are kept on the list as shut-ins or who wish ongoing prayer. However, if someone is ill, in hospital, or especially in need of prayer, those names will be read weekly as long as required. It is important that the office or the clergy be kept informed of these situations. All the names will be printed in the leaflet each Sunday even if they are not all read. You are encouraged to pray for them in your heart during the service and to take the list home for prayer during the week.

The other issue with regard to the prayers is Privacy Legislation and confidentiality. Full names should not be printed in materials that are given to the public, which would include our Sunday bulletin (leaflet), since these may be more widely distrib-

uted. This is especially important if the leaflet is eventually to be published on our website. Those in trouble or sickness, or their families, should be in charge of what is known about their situation and we should be courteous and considerate of their rights. Public discussion or disclosure of information about them is not appropriate. In order to keep confidentiality and respect privacy, only first names will be printed in the bulletin, since that is the way we currently use their names in the prayers. It is also inappropriate for the clergy to discuss the condition of the patients they visit or to answer specific questions about them, since this is the prerogative of the families as well. It is important for those concerned, especially family

members, to tell the clergy about any persons who wish to be visited and included in the prayers. If you wish a name to be added, it would be appreciated if someone would inform the office by a telephone call or in writing. You can place a note on the collection plate. If you submit the name of someone who is not in your own family, it is important to verify with them or the person themselves that they wish their name in the leaflet and prayers, since their permission should be given. Please do not expect the priest to just hear through the 'grapevine' or assume that he already knows that someone is ill or wishes a visit. Even if you think he does, it is still helpful to ensure this.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

MUSIC IN THE LITURGY

Every Sunday much of the ten o'clock Liturgy is sung, including the Gloria (Glory to God), Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy), Benedictus (Blessed is he), the Lord's Prayer and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). On the Sundays where we have the choir and organ, there was recently a sung Refrain for the Psalm. The sung Psalm Refrain will be revived this fall. The mu-

sic for the Sanctus and Benedictus needs to be refreshed after being sung for a very long time, since there are excellent resources available and the "new" (1998) hymn book provides new musical opportunities. This new music will be carefully introduced so that the congregation can learn and participate actively as we seek to glorify God in music.

CHORAL EVENSONG

A Choral Evensong service (from the Book of Common Prayer) will be sung by the *Anglican Choral of Ottawa* on Sunday October 25th at 4:30pm. This will include congregational hymns and special music in place of the sermon.

The *Anglican Choral* is a

choir of about 35 singers consisting of boys, girls, men, and women, drawn mainly from Anglican Church choirs in the Ottawa diocese



The service will be followed by a pot-luck supper where

we will be joined by the choir for fellowship.

Please plan to join us!

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

comer and I appreciate your welcome and support. I ask for your continued encouragement and patience as I learn more about the parish and community and become more a part of it. It is a unique time for the priest and parish when they are new to each other, especially where the priest is also a newcomer. I cannot help but mention the ongoing issues of construction around the church and rectory and I am looking forward to the relative peace when this is completed. I also wish to thank you for your support for Jonathan Askwith as our Summer Intern, especially those who served on his Learning Support Group. This was also a large commitment for me as his Supervisor. It was good having him here and I ask your continued prayers for him as he continues his studies this fall at Huron College.

As we look ahead this fall, we are also aware of the need for continued and renewed financial support and we are grateful for the work our Stewardship Committee is doing. We need to secure

the financial present and future of our parish. Since attendance and giving often decline in the summer, we begin the fall with a need to bring our giving back up and strengthen and increase our financial commitment. Our giving seems to have returned to last year's levels after a decline earlier this year, but the concern is that even last year the giving was below the requirement of our Budget. We have a deficit Budget for this year and it is still higher than last year's. We are back to paying the salary of the Organist as well as the clergy. Utilities and maintenance for the church and rectory are essential and these are large older buildings. The Stewardship Committee and Church Wardens are working on providing you with more information, not only on our Budget, but on our need to give as part of our faith and commitment. We do not give to a budget—we give to God who has given everything to us.

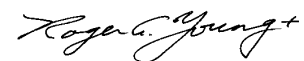
As your new priest and pastor, I have been busy since I arrived with settling in, meeting people, participat-

ing in parish life and administration, and dealing with many things. I am pleased that so much has been accomplished. We had a good Holy Week, my Induction took place, the Rectory was repaired and painted, our new organist was hired, financial matters were considered, a new Envelope Secretary was put into place, newsletters prepared, pastoral work was continued, a summer student came to share in our ministry, and much more. I have been busy, as have the Church Wardens and many others. I appreciate the work that has been done and wish to thank those involved. There are still many areas needing attention. Please be patient if I seem to forget your name and remind me. This is always a process that takes time.

A new ministry is a time of expectation and perhaps even apprehension. I realize that my approach to worship, preaching, worship, and matters concerning the parish or the wider Church is not initially apparent and some may have concerns or make assumptions about

them. Some may misunderstand or misinterpret things I may say and do. I am an Anglican and love our Church and its expression of the Christian faith that has always sought to include scripture, tradition, and reason and to be responsive and compassionate to human need. It is a cliché, but still an important truth that clergy are all different. So are all of us and this is the way it should be, since this is how God made us. If anyone has any concern or issue, please don't tell others. Just tell me. I would be happy to discuss anything with you. I want to serve you, to do my best to minister in Christ's name and to encourage, support, and build up the Body of Christ at Emmanuel. I ask for your continued prayers and support in this joyful task as we seek the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit who leads us into God's future.

Yours in Christ,



Rev'd Canon Roger A. Young

DO YOU KNOW?

The Anglican Church of Canada is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The Anglican Communion is comprised of approximately 70 million members of the Anglican family in 36 self-governing Member Churches or Provinces in more than 160 countries. Anglican Churches uphold and proclaim the Catholic and Apostolic faith, based on the scriptures, interpreted in the light of tradition, scholarship and reason. Following the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Churches are committed to the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel to the whole creation. Central to worship for Anglicans is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist (also called the Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Mass). In this offering of prayer and praise are recalled the life, death and resurrection of Christ, through the proclamation of the word and celebration of the Sacrament.



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Worship Services:

Holy Eucharist is celebrated at
8am & 10am Sunday morning and
10am Thursday morning

Children and Youth:

A supervised nursery is
available Sunday mornings
during the 10am service
in the Carlton Reid hall
for children up to age 4.

MESS Sunday School meets at
9:45am on Sunday mornings
September to June
in the Carlton Reid hall.

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Please Recycle This Paper!

(better yet pass it on to someone you think is interested in learning more about Emmanuel Church)

MY EMMANUEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

SYLVIA PATTERSON

My Emmanuel Sunday School begins its new year with an Open House on August 30th.

We are advertising our program around town and hope our fellow parishioners will help us too. We offer a quality Christian experience for children aged 4 to 12 and this year promises to be quite stimulating.

There will be no Sunday School on September 6th as it is the Labour Day Weekend. **Registration will be held on September 13th.**

Our planning is well underway. We have 4 dedicated teachers but we can use more assistance. This year we plan to make greater use of Christian videos so if you are not up for the weekly Sunday class responsibility perhaps you could help us on our special days when we use video or special crafts as our focus. If you would like to help please speak to Sylvia or any of the teachers.

Thanks to the wonderful help from Linda Buttle last year we plan more musical sharing in the church this

year. We hope to sing one Sunday a term and are open to requests from parishioners. We have found that the children do not know, but enjoy learning, the traditional children's hymns and Linda is a great teacher. At least one of our students sings Christian songs in the bathtub.

The Sunday School at Emmanuel is well funded by the parish budget. A large portion of the money goes towards purchasing the Living the Good News curriculum. This curriculum follows the church lectionary and is an excellent resource for our teachers and students. We also purchase arts and crafts material to compliment the suggested activities in the curriculum. We appreciate the value the Emmanuel parish places on its Sunday School. This year MESS is looking to use more recycled materials for many of its crafts to tie into teaching the children about stewardship of the earth. Parishioners can help by donating the following items: egg cartons, toilet paper rolls, plain paper plates, and old cards. If we have any special requests where you can help we will publish them in the bulletin.



To close we include some quotes from children about LOVE. We hope they will make you smile and think about your Christian life.

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's LOVE." - Rebecca, aged 8

"Love is when you go out to eat and you give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." - Chrissy, age 6

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." - Billy, age 4

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." - Nikki, age 6