

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HIGH NOTES



2016

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High Notes Submissions

Articles for the *June High Notes* must be submitted to [Kelli](#) by Friday, May 20.

Introducing the Emmanuel Logo



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The Decision Factors

A logo is a visual expression of identity. Identity is the representation of the thoughts, beliefs, culture and impressions of an organization. To understand that expression, the logo committee conducted a brief parish survey to collect those thoughts and impressions. In addition, we looked at other sources such as the "Why Emmanuel" column in *High Notes*. We found certain words repeated often including: family, welcoming, tradition, joyful, history, spiritual, connected and comfortable.

Visually, we took inspiration from our Gothic Revival sanctuary. We found two architectural elements particularly compelling and symbolic. Our crossed-beam ceiling has long been a Christian symbol of church as ship. The pew area of the church is the nave—naval—while the beams represent the reversed ship's keel, protecting us from the waves and buffets of the world. Furthermore, to the committee, the beams represented interconnectedness.

Gothic arches frame our pews and are pierced with a carved quatrefoil in the shape of a Canterbury cross. The cross's shape is based on a Saxon brooch found in the courtyard of Canterbury Cathedral in 1867. It became the symbol of the cathedral as well as the Anglican Communion and can be found in Anglican cathedrals and churches around the world.

The Process

After drafting a creative brief that outlined our findings and aesthetic requirements, the logo committee used an online design service. In the process, dozens of designers produced logos responding to the brief, essentially bidding on our business. We

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Our 10-Year Vision for Emmanuel

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is a thriving, engaged and creative parish working to educate and meet the needs of children, youth and adults; live and demonstrate our Christian values; and create a more humane and just world through community service and outreach.

Diocesan Bishops

The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston
The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff
The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick

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[The Rev. Charles C. McCoart, Jr.](#)

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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Church Office Hours

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narrowed the numbers to a few preferred designs and asked for some variations. We then presented the top six choices to the Vestry for discussion and a final selection.

The Result

The logo that you see on the front page of this newsletter represents many of the elements that we hoped to capture. Overall, the design is simple, open and contemporary yet completely tied to our tradition and building. Both the Canterbury cross and the crossed beams sit inside an inverted Gothic arch. Below it, tradition is evident in the serif typeface of "Emmanuel" while a more modern sans serif font spells "Episcopal Church." The blue cross is the official Episcopal blue found in the ECUSA shield while the rest of the design is darker shades of the same blue. Watch for the logo on our publications and letterhead.

The Logo Committee

Please join the Vestry in thanking the committee members for their thoughtful attention to this project: Megan Shannon, Rob Pierce, Jennifer Adams, John Maass, Ham Beggs, Chuck McCoart

Vestry Highlights

At its regular meeting on April 13, the Vestry:

- learned that Sean Ellis and John Maass will go to Haiti in July to meet with Fr. Sonley to explore the next steps of our partnership. They will visit churches, schools, and a hospital and report back to the Vestry at its September meeting.
- was advised that, due to our increased membership, Emmanuel will likely be allotted a second representative to the 2018 Diocesan Conference. Anyone interested in this ministry should speak to [Chuck](#).
- voted to allot 10% of Emmanuel's contribution to the Shout It From the Mountain Campaign (funding improvements to Shrine Mont camps) to the Camps of Christ the King (South Africa) as part of our diocesan partnership. The first \$1000 of the \$5000 pledge has been sent.

Please consider including Emmanuel Church or Foundation
in your will or living trust.

For more information, contact [Jane Kolson](#).

Why We Chose Emmanuel?

By Greg and Megan Shannon

Having been raised Catholic and taught by the same nuns in elementary school, we were rooted in Catholic tradition. Once engaged to be married, we were determined to celebrate our big day in “our own way” — intimately and outdoors in a natural setting. Surrounded by lush vineyards, warm setting sun, and the sounds of birds and breeze, we said our vows in front of God’s witness — a once-Catholic priest turned marriage celebrant. We returned to the Catholic Church to baptize our 6-month-old daughter Arden, but soon realized that we yearned for a community that had less strict religious requirements and still shared the same belief in God. Having attended a Christmas pageant at St. Johns Episcopal in Georgetown, we found the vibe was more along the lines of our own attitudes and faith and were certain we were going to steer in that direction with our growing daughter. In 2014, we uprooted from the District and moved into Beverley Hills.

Immediately, we began to look for a non-Catholic church to visit on Sunday mornings. That’s when we stumbled across the adorable and intimate nearby church, Emmanuel Episcopal.

We attended our first service together and without a doubt felt welcome, enlightened, and emotionally lifted (Megan met Chuck’s dog Brock and was smitten).

Emmanuel’s magnetic energy carried us right back to the same pew the following Sunday. Soon after that we were signing up our daughter for her first year at Emmanuel Preschool. Today, we are giving our time to helping the church with it’s creative endeavors. This circle of community and involvement is so very cherished. Although initially questioning our distancing from the Catholic Church, our deeply seated Catholic parents are now proud and supportive of our new spiritual roots and glad to hear that we are regularly attending Sunday service and being part of such a great community. We are excited to bring our daughter up at a great place of worship, preschool, and to be a part of such a welcoming extended Christian family.



2016 Vestry

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 Prime Timers: [Jim Bradley](#)
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 Community Lodgings: [Barbara Harslem](#)
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 Counters: [Jim Bradley](#)
 Music (Adult and Youth Choirs): [Ryan Fitch](#)
 Music (Guitar Circle): [Stewart Bartley](#)
 Readers (8:00): [Suji Kelly](#)
 Readers and Chalice (10:30): [Jerry Boykin](#)
 Ushers: [Bob Callahan](#)
 Worship: [Nancy Dupree](#)

From the Office of Spiritual Formation for Children and Youth

"Be like a flower and turn your face to the sun."

— Kahlil Gibran

Happy May Day everyone!

I hope you're having a wonderful spring. As things wind down for this year, we are looking forward to launching an awesome new year in September.

We have an important request. We need at least four volunteers for the 2016-2017 Sunday school year and would like to especially ask parents of rising second and third graders to consider volunteering in the Sunday school. We currently have no volunteers for that team. It is an easy commitment with flexible scheduling, plus it's a wonderful way to serve the children at Emmanuel. On top of that, the teachers are great to work with!

Our Sunday school program works well, in part because we have four people per team. It allows for all the flexibility that I indicated above. Please consider stepping up to take on this important ministry. We really cannot make it work without you. You are welcome to contact me for more information and to indicate your interest.

With gratitude,
[Toni](#)

COMING UP

First Communion. Please join us for the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 8 as we celebrate First Communion with some of our youngest parishioners. If you are interested in having your child participate in a First Communion experience, please contact [Chuck](#) to let him know. While in the Episcopal Church, all baptized children of any age are welcome to receive Communion without a formal introduction, we offer this as a way to honor families who are coming from other religious traditions. Second and third grade Sunday school students also participate in learning

about the Sacrament as a matter of course in the curriculum.

Confirmation. If your rising 9th or 10th grader is interested in being confirmed in November and would like to participate in a community faith formation experience, please contact [Toni](#) or [Janie](#) to register. The program will begin with the Diocesan 8th grade retreat from May 13 – 15 at Shrine Mont.

Last Day of Sunday School. The last day of Sunday school for this school year is Sunday, May 22. The remaining dates for this year are May 8, May 15, and May 22.

Sunday School Teacher and Youth Appreciation Sunday. Please join us on Sunday, June 5 at the 10:30 a.m. service to honor and recognize our Sunday school teachers and graduating youth!



Brock

Have you met "Little Brock 3"? Here are some pictures from his debut.



Family Night

The photos below are from our Family Night. We enjoyed pizza and watched "Inside Out".



Singing Rooster Coffee

As part of our outreach support for our friend Rev. Sonley Joseph, the Haitian priest known to many at Emmanuel, we are selling coffee at \$12 per 12 ounce bag. The money we raise from this fundraiser will go to Sonley's St. Croix parish school to support the children's meal plan and future scholarships. As well, 66% (over \$3.50) of every bag sold will go directly back to the Haitian coffee farmers, and each bag sold plants a tree on a deforested mountainside — it's a WIN-WIN for all. We will be selling the coffee (Vienna, French, and decaf) **every first and last Sunday** of each month after both services. We appreciate your support for our church family in St. Croix, Haiti.



A Note from Jordan

Dear Friends,

In September of 2015, I made an appointment with the Rev. Chuck McCoart to discuss a potential nine-month partnership with Emmanuel Episcopal Church (EEC). Unlike most seminarians, which enter field education in their second year of seminary, I would be approaching field education having already earned a Master of Divinity degree several years ago. Therefore, my time with EEC would only be a year. My goals while interning with EEC were to work on my preaching style, administrative skills, and to continue to heal from the loss of my father and grandmothers who passed away in the fall of 2014. Now that my time as one of your interns is concluding, I leave you more prepared to turn this world upside down for Jesus Christ. During our time together and with God's help, I have made improvements in several ecclesial areas, but more importantly, I have gained a family. Your love, hugs, and prayers during my time at EEC has not only helped me heal emotionally but has energized me for whatever future God holds for me. Thank you, Emmanuel.

Finally, in less than a month on May 19 I will graduate from VTS with a Diploma in Anglican Studies. And on June 11, I will be ordained, God willing, to the Transitional Diaconate of Sacred Orders at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Alexandria and you all are invited. Please see the invitation on page 13. The graduation is a ticketed event, so if you cannot make it to the ordination, please let me know in advance, as I will try to secure a ticket to the May 19 event. Lastly, some of you have inquired as my next steps after ordination, and I hope to have some answers for the June newsletter.

*Humbly Submitted,
Jordan F. Casson*

*Candidate for Holy Orders, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia
Diploma in Anglican Studies, VTS '16*



TnT—Trails and Ales

May 28 | 2:00 PM



Going to be in town Memorial Day weekend? Looking for something fun to do with the whole family? Then join your fellow 20's and 30's for Trails and Ales! We will meet at Huntley Meadows (3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22306) for a nice walk in the woods. The trails are flat and there's even a wetland for frog and turtle spotting! Next we'll head to a new local craft brewery, Fair Winds (Suite K and L, 7000 Newington Road, Lorton, VA 22079) and sample their spring and summer offerings. Fair Winds is very family friendly and has games and free wifi to keep your little ones happy. There are also plenty of food-trucks outside for some afternoon nosh. So come for the hike at 2:00 p.m. or join us at Fair Winds at 4:00 p.m. or come to both and make a day of it!

To RSVP contact [Jennifer](mailto:jennifer@trailsandales.com) (917-971-7817) so we know to look for you.

Prime Timers

In February, Prime Timers had a fun time at the soup party. Even with the snow storm we had nine people that brought soup and we had a good hot bowl of soup with a nice salad and delicious desserts.

Fifteen Prime Timers enjoyed a Saint Patrick's Party at the Parish with a Priest. We had delicious "P" dishes:



Pepperoni Pizza, Shepherd's Pie with Potatoes, Peas and Pork, and a lot of other goodies. We had green hair and played Left Right and Center, and collected

twenty dollars for Pennies for Patients with Pulmonary Diseases.

We continue to go to the movies on Tuesday afternoon. To be added to our contact list, let [Jim Bradley](mailto:jim@prime-timers.com) know.

*Thanks,
Bonnie Fairbank*

We. Are. Connected. Oprah Winfrey's Belief Series

Sunday Evenings | Fall 2016

Belief is a groundbreaking documentary series exploring humankind's search to connect with the sacred. We were all created with a God shaped hole in our hearts and born with the hope of an encounter with the holy.

Belief invites viewers to witness some of the world's most fascinating religious and spiritual journeys through the eyes of believers: Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Jains, and more. Traveling to the far reaches of the world and to places where cameras have rarely been, these stories will lead us all to ask: *What do you believe?*



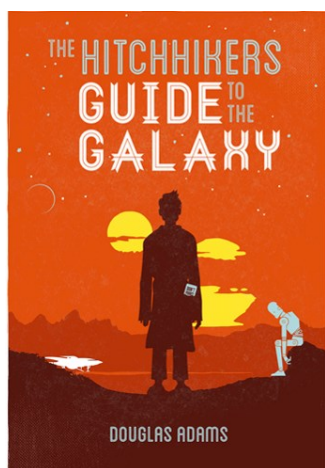
We'll meet Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room. Together we'll screen each episode, share some refreshments, and have time to converse and connect. Come to one or

come to all! The series is appropriate for all ages!

- September 11 — *The Seekers*
- September 18 — *Love's Story*
- September 25 — *Acts of Faith*
- October 2 — *A Change is Gonna Come*
- October 9 — *God Help Us*

Come to one or come to all! The series is appropriate for seekers all ages! Questions? Just ask [Joani](#).

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: An Anglican Roadmap to the Cosmos | Fall 2016



Douglas Adams' highly entertaining "*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*" came out in 1983. It's a book about a book.

"It's the story of a book — not an earth book, never published on Earth...never seen or even heard by any Earthman."

A remarkable book and also a highly successful one — more popular than "The Celestial

Home Care Omnibus", better selling than "Fifty three More Things to Do in Zero Gravity, and more controversial than Oolon's philosophical blockbuster: "Who is this God Person Anyway?"

In many of the more relaxed parts of the Galaxy, the "Hitchhiker's Guide" has already supplanted the great Encyclopedia Galactica as the standard repository of all

knowledge and wisdom!"

Adams' science fiction phone book remains a best seller — a hilarious, self help star chart to help you find your place in the cosmos. Now we Episcopalians are the People of the Book: Two remarkable books actually — the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. In worship every Sunday we use both — just printed on different paper.

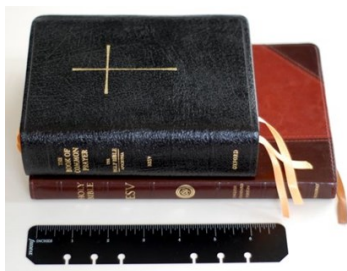
While scripture is always primary, it is with the Book of Common Prayer that we both proclaim our faith and stake out our place in God's universe.

So on six Sunday mornings this fall at 9:15 a.m. in the Memorial Room, you are invited to stick out your thumb and join me for the "*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: An Anglican Roadmap to the Cosmos*." Together we'll explore the traditions, prayers, sacraments, history, spirituality, and ethics found in the pages of the BCP.

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- October 2 — *Pray Your Way through the Day: The Daily Office*
- October 9 — *We Receive You Into the Household of God: Baptism*
- October 16 — NO CLASS
- October 23 — *Unite Us to Your Son in this Sacrifice: The Holy Eucharist*
- October 30 — *The Communion of Saints: Holy Women, Holy Men*
- November 6 — *Everyday is a Holy Day: The Liturgical Year*



The sessions are designed to be interactive and hands on. Each participant will receive their very own copy of the BCP!

Explorers of all kinds are welcome — cradle Episcopalians, as well as newcomers to the faith. The class culminates with the Bishop's Visitation on Sunday, November 13.

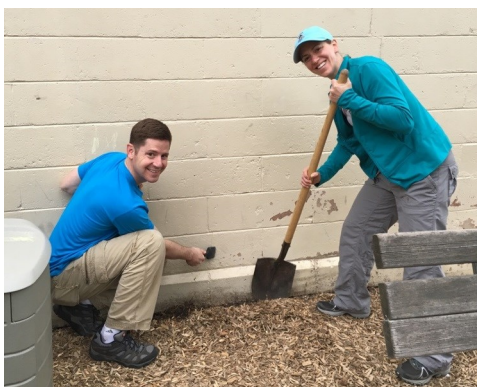
Participants who choose may go forward for confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation.

Interested? Questions? Want to sign up? Contact [Joani](#).

Spring Work Day

On behalf of the members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, I want to express my appreciation and thanks to Julia, Jason, Kelly and Joe Dresen, Sean Ellis, Amber Fowler, Carl Linnington, Arlana, Elijan, Maile, and Jon Sills, and Leslie and Larry Smith for having completed so many projects in one short morning at church. A special thanks to Nancy Dupree for taking the photographs shown here.

Dwayne



Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast | May 21



Building on our existing Wednesday night dinner ministry at Carpenter's Shelter, we are adding a new

breakfast ministry! Beginning July 23, EEC will serve breakfast the fourth Saturday of each month. Though we will begin our regularly scheduled time in July, we have an upcoming date of Saturday, May 21 to learn the ropes of breakfast service at Carpenter's Shelter. There are many ways to get involved: cooking, serving a meal, helping set up tables and chairs, and cleaning up after the breakfast service. We are particularly interested in getting young families involved in the food preparation to talk about the value of serving families in need. Please note, however, children under 18 years old are not allowed to serve at the shelter.

Interested in volunteering or have questions about what is involved? Contact [Jennifer](#) (917-971-7817).

Calling all Knitters!

The Emmanuel Craft/Sewing group knits prayer shawls for those undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. We are looking for people to knit even a few rows. It is straight knitting and you do not have to be a professional knitter. We would like as many people as possible in the congregation to be a part of this ministry. Please contact [Nancy Dupree](#).



ALIVE!

Sidewalk Sale to Benefit ALIVE! House Shelter | May 14

Donations Wanted! If you missed Spring Clean Up this year, please consider donating gently used items to benefit the ALIVE! House: Art, Books, Lamps, Furniture, Housewares, Toys, Bikes, Garden, Appliances, Electronics, Linen, Plants, Dishes ... Whatever!

To donate, bring items to the Ice House at 200 Commerce Street at the corner of South Payne on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

... Or Come SHOP! The Sidewalk Sale will be held on Saturday, May 14, at the corner of South Payne Street and Prince Street in Old Town. ALIVE! House provides shelter and life skills to women and families ... since 1972.

More Ways to Support ALIVE! House

- *Donate Metro fare cards* used for new residents for transportation until coordinators can help residents with budgeting for transportation funds.
- *Money and Budget 101 Volunteer* to assist residents gain an understanding of how money and credit works. Meet with residents 1 -2 times a month.
- *Activity Coordinator Volunteer* to work with residents to arrange special events for the children and/or adults, coordinating with in-house activities including children's book readings, cooking demonstrations or art/craft projects.
- *Transition Coordinator Volunteer* to work with residents who are in the process of moving to permanent rental housing to assess suitability of new apartment, help with obtaining furnishings, packing and moving.

To learn more, contact [Amanda Isaac](#) (703-684-1430).

Thank You from ALIVE!

Dear Emmanuel "on High" Church,

Thank you so very much for the 3 boxes of gently used children's books. As promised, we gave them away to clients at the ALIVE! Last Saturday Food Distribution at Resurrection on "Last Saturday" in March—Holy Saturday. Internal rules and respect prevented us from taking pictures of the many, many children who benefitted from your donations—at least of their faces. But we wanted you to have these mementos of the "great Book Donation Drive, Holy Week 2016 Edition."

*Blessings on you all,
Jo Belser*



A User-Friendly Episcopal Dictionary

Diocese. The territorial jurisdiction of a diocesan bishop. The term also refers to the congregations and church members of the diocese. It was originally used in the Roman Empire for an administrative subdivision. As the church expanded out from the cities, it adopted the use of the word "diocese," and ecclesiastical dioceses tended to correspond to civil units. For example, at first the Diocese of Georgia corresponded with the State of Georgia. Later, many statewide dioceses were divided into smaller dioceses for pastoral and practical reasons. For example, the State of Virginia includes three dioceses: the Diocese of VA (ours), the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

The Diocese of Virginia is a diocese of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America encompassing 38 counties in the northern and central parts of the state of Virginia. The diocese was organized in 1785 and is one of the Episcopal Church's nine original dioceses, with origins in colonial Virginia. The Diocese of Virginia is a community of over 80,000 baptized members and 425 clergy, serving the world through 182 congregations, six schools, two diocesan centers and six diocesan homes.

The see city is Richmond where Mayo Memorial Church House, the diocesan offices, is located. The diocese does not have a conventional cathedral church but rather an open-air cathedral, the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration (Shrine Mont), which was consecrated in 1925. Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Virginia is also the site of a diocesan retreat and camp center. The diocese also operates the Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn in western Richmond, a conference center overlooking the James River. Virginia Theological Seminary, the largest accredited Episcopal seminary in the United States, is located within the diocese in Alexandria, Virginia. Our Diocesan bishop is The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, The Rev. Ted Gulick is the Assistant Bishop, and The Rev. Susan Goff is Suffragan (another funny word to look up) Bishop. One of them visits each parish in the diocese annually for confirmations, receptions, and baptisms (and as you'll remember from an earlier article, there's always a party!).

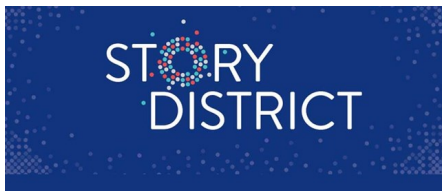
*Meredith Wade
Clerk of the Vestry*

Story District Boot Camp: One Day Crash Course

May 21 | 4:30 PM | Parish Hall

Story District is the fabulous non-profit that last year, along with Joani, co-produced "Unhinged: True Stories about Living with Mental Illness". It was staged right here at Emmanuel. Over 300 people packed the house! There is no better way to tell the truth than to tell a story. And inside every one of us is a master storyteller.

A Boot Camp veteran describes her experience:



I'm an English teacher who took a Story District course to help with my curriculum story

telling unit. The experience did far more than enrich my teaching. It was a deeply meaningful time that sold me forever on the almost sacred act of sharing true stories. A very talented and professional staff.

This One Day Crash Course intensive workshop is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Emmanuel's Parish Hall. You will learn how to generate new story material, learn about and apply narrative structure and storytelling techniques to a story of your own choice, practice telling stories in pairs and small groups, and get individual feedback from the instructors.

It's a full day so arrive by 9:15 a.m. so you have time to settle in. The morning is dedicated to exercises that will help you gain an understanding of narrative structure and storytelling fundamentals. Bring your own lunch or eat at a local eatery. In the afternoon, you will practice and polish your story; and build skills to bring your characters to life. Each storyteller will get individual feedback from the instructors and other participants.

[Register](#) by May 5 and use the code "EEC" at checkout for the discounted fee of \$150. After May 5 a fee of \$195 applies. If you have any questions you can contact [Joani Peacock](#).

A Community Celebration

Fred Delawie was awarded the prestigious Congress-Bundestag Scholarship to study in Germany this fall. Read the article [here](#). Congratulations, Fred, from all of us!

If you know of anyone in our Emmanuel family who receives a significant award or honor, let us know so we can celebrate too.



High School and College Graduates

If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college this spring, please let [Nancy Dupree](#) know. We would like to celebrate their accomplishments.



We are Here for You



Emmanuel Church is a community of faith which seeks to nurture and support individuals and families in every stage of life and circumstance. If you or a member or your family needs assistance with meals, transportation, prayers, cards, letters of encouragement or any other kind of support, please contact the Inreach Team by e-mailing [Nancy Dupree](#).



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Preschool News

I want to start by thanking all of our wonderful preschool parents and community members who supported our Spring Auction and Gala last month in so many ways! Our “Evening in Paris” was a huge success and gave our preschool parents, along with friends and family members, the opportunity to socialize, enjoy French-inspired food and drink, and bid on wonderful items to raise funds for Emmanuel Preschool. The event brought in funds that are critical to the operation of our preschool, and we appreciate the support and hard work of everyone involved! A special thank you to the Church Vestry and Pastor Chuck for their ongoing support of EPS.

In May we look forward to lots of outdoor exploration as the warm weather sets in. This month many of the classes are observing nature in various forms — caterpillars transforming into butterflies, trees and flowers blooming, and changing weather. It’s hard to believe that in only a few short weeks we will be wrapping up our 2016-17 school year! It has been an amazing year full of growth and new experiences. Soon many of our 4/5s will be leaping over their stepping stones to mark their transition out of EPS and on to bigger things. We wish them all the best and hope that we have played a small part in preparing them for the wider world. Before long it will be time to start thinking about Summer Camp and the new school year!

Ressa Jones
Preschool Director

Green 4/5s

Happy May and welcome to the Green 4/5s! We are excited to start the month off with our Annual Family Art Night. We have had such a fun time this year with our visiting artist, Kathryn Coneway, and took a great interest in pen drawings and oil pastels. For the art show we will display observational drawings of several objects



around the church — red tulips at the Russell Road entrance, yellow daffodils by the sanctuary entrance, and cream hydrangea by the playground. We are also busy cutting, measuring, and mixing lavender, lemon peels, olive oil and sugar creating a yummy scrub for our mommies for Mother's Day. It smells (and tastes) delicious! We have enjoyed watching our caterpillars form their chrysalis over the last few weeks and are anxiously awaiting our Painted Lady butterflies transformation. We always enjoy our weekly visits with Pastor Chuck but they have been especially fun with Little Brock. He is very cute and cuddly! As our school year comes to a close, we will have a very special stepping stone ceremony on the playground. We are designing our very own Green 4/5s commemorative stone to decorate the preschool. We have had a fun filled year! Happy summer!

Cappie Stiers, Amy Ernst, Sara Tiedemann



JORDAN FRANCIS CASSON
requests the honor of your presence
at the

The 193rd Commencement of
VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

as he is conferred with the
Diploma of Anglican Studies
Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Immanuel Chapel
(Ticketed Event)

The Commencement address will be given by
Alistair McGrath, Andreas Idreos
Professor of Science and Religion at the University of Oxford



Your presence is requested as
The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop of Virginia
will ordain, God-willing

JORDAN FRANCIS CASSON
to the
Sacred Order of Deacons (Transitional)
on

Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
228 South Pitt St, Alexandria, VA 22314





- 1 ALIVE! Walk-A-Thon (1:15 PM)
- 1 Race for Hope
- 2 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 2-6 Bag Lunch Week
- 4 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 11 Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 13-15 Diocesan 8th Grade Weekend @ Shrine Mont
- 14 Sidewalk Sale to Benefit ALIVE! House Shelter
- 19 Jordan's Graduation from VTS (10:00 AM)
- 21 Carpenter's Shelter Breakfast Training Day
- 21 Story District (9:30 AM)
- 22 Music Ministry Picnic
- 28 TnT Trails and Ales (2:00 PM)
- 30 Memorial Day — Church Office Closed



For a look at our continually-updated church calendar, click on the calendar to the left.



- 1 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 5 Sunday School Teacher and Student Recognition (10:30 AM)
- 6 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 8 Vestry Meeting (7:30 PM)
- 11 Jordan's Ordination (10:30 AM)
- 12 Parish Picnic
- 19 Father's Day
- 20-24 Bag Lunch Week
- 24 Adult Spiritual Formation Social "Black-ish" (6:00 PM)



- 4 Independence Day — Church Office Closed
- 4 Meals on Wheels Deliveries
- 6 [Carpenter's Shelter Dinner](#)
- 8 Vestry Meeting (Virtual)



Happy Spring from the Purple 3's class. Check out these adorable grass caterpillars the class created.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our annual yard sale scheduled for Saturday, August 27. Watch the June newsletter for details. Until then,

collect your unneeded housewares over the summer. Please hold them at your home until the drop-off schedule has been announced.

