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Dear Friends,

One of my favorite collects from Morning Prayer is the Collect for Guidance:

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being;
we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit,
that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you,
but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We live in God's sight. However, that we live every moment in God's sight frightens some people. They don't like the idea that God's sees and knows EVERY thought and deed and/or they don't like the lack of privacy from God. But - we do more than simply live in God's sight. In God "we live and move and have our being". As the branch receives life and nourishment by being connected to the tree, so we receive life, grace, and joy from being connected to God. We are not just being observed by God, we are invited to share in the life of God, and when God sees us or hears us doing/thinking things we shouldn't, God does so with love and with forgiveness for the asking. It gets even better. God never looks away, so God never misses the moment when we need God most. As Psalm 121 says, "He who watches over you will not fall asleep."

God never falls asleep or looks away - but we do! We are literally incapable of keeping God foremost in our mind and heart every waking moment. This is where the second part of the collect comes in. We ask God to send us the Holy Spirit so that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget God. Much of the time we all behave as if we were little gods, in charge of our own life and in control of our destiny. Christians are not: we belong to Christ. "We have been bought with a price," as St. Paul writes, a steep price. We who are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God, who claim this free gift of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, are called upon to respond with a love and joy of our own. Look to God in Jesus Christ; ask the Holy Spirit to guide and govern you. Live with the awareness of God's presence and you will see God's hand at work.

Mother Julie+



Emmanuel Vestry meets
Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Ukraine Fundraiser



With 2-3 checks still out, the preliminary total raised is **\$3055!** Many thanks to Grace Joseph and Jan Bookhout for coordinating such a successful event, to all who set up and worked, and to all who attended. A special thank you to Wendy Wickenden and Jermaine Covington for providing so many baked goods for the bake sale. The money is going to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Wednesday, June 14
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Eat in or Take out

Pamela Trendell is coordinating the event and making the meatballs. Garry Campbell and his fellow Masons from Konosioni Lodge #950 are cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Lauren Wojtalewski is doing the advertising. Thank you!

So, what do we need from the people of Emmanuel? Come, eat, and enjoy! The cost is \$12, under 7 is free.

The one thing we need you to do is bake brownies for dessert. Sign up or let Pamela know how many brownies you can make.

Mother Julie's Schedule

Mother Julie will be on sabbatical from St. Alban's from June 5 - July 4. Father Gerry Beritela will celebrate Holy Eucharist on the four Sundays. She will continue to be at Emmanuel on Saturday evenings and Wednesdays, though she will be on retreat June 27-30. She is in her 17th year at St. Alban's, but only in her 2nd year at Emmanuel.


She will be on vacation from both parishes July 5 - August 4. At St. Alban's Morning Prayer will be led by Lay Leader Steve Pekich. At Emmanuel Evening Prayer will be led by Lay Leaders Barbara Crane, Lois McEwan, and Deborah McGavin.

Emmanuel Members Please Take Note

The Holy Eucharist and BBQ at Pamela Trendell's house on June 17 has been rescheduled for August 12 due to her knee injury.

Lisa will be in the office from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 16 instead of on Thursday, June 15.

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A close-up photograph of a hot dog in a bun, topped with a zigzag pattern of yellow mustard. The hot dog is a reddish-brown color, and the bun is light brown and slightly toasted. The background is a solid dark blue.

Saturday Emmanuel 4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour
* 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist

Wednesday Emmanuel * 2:00 p.m.: Bible Study

Saturday

Sunday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Use your telephone for Zoom

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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Other Events

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